

CIVIL WAR

as game preserves from which to repopulate adjacent public shooting and fishing grounds.

The state parks are being developed through the agency of CCC Camps. Much progress has been made in fitting them for the enjoyment of the people. Trips can be arranged for beautiful drives, week ends, Sundays and holidays. One of these parks can be reached in a few hours from almost any section of the State.

In the various camps there is plenty of entertainment for the boys; they can hunt deer, squirrels, grouse and bear in season. They have individual counsel by the Educational advisers in the various camps and by the Company Commander, the doctor and others are available. They get to know the boy, his problems, home conditions, and try to help him get adjusted and get him interested in the camp educational program and recreational hobby and leisure time activity. When they leave camp, 90 per cent of the CCC boys have work. The boys are popular with the public. Many are now coming to believe that the CCC is largely educational training to make the boys better fitted physically, mentally and vocationally to get along in the world; to aid them in self culture, self-expression and better use of leisure time. It is a work for the conservation and training of youth as well as the conservation on national resources.

More and more the public is realizing what the CCC is doing in the camps. The camps are becoming popular and will probably be made permanent. A visit to any of these camps

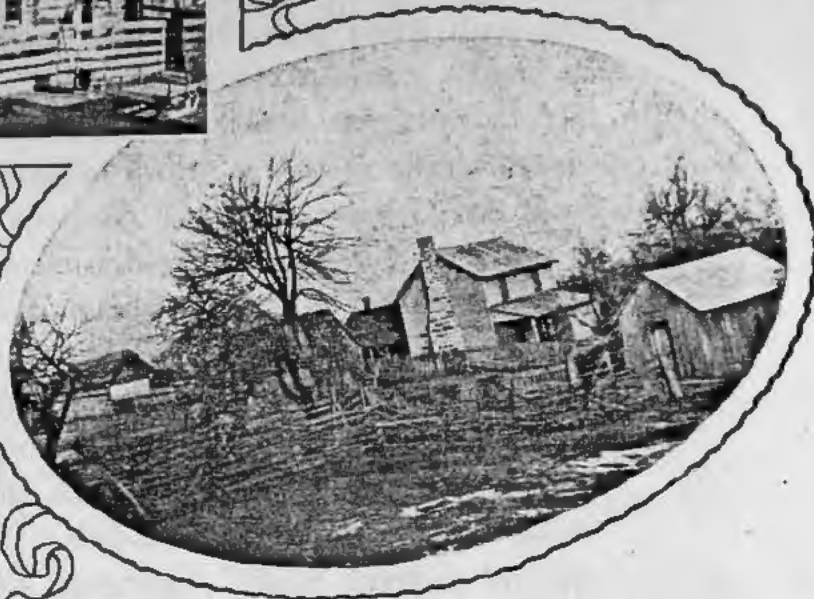
will make anyone an enthusiast. Visitors enjoy going as they are so kindly welcomed by the officials and camp boys, and they plan another visit to bring some friends who have not been there. Citizenship is stressed in all the camps and many of the fine boys in the camps have gone to their homes better men and better citizens.

Watoga State Forest is a pleasant wooded country and even should the blight kill all the chestnut there are enough trees of other kinds on most of the area to make good cover for the game, many signs of which were noted by the State Foresters, who recently made an estimate of the chestnut timber.



TEMPORARY HOSPITAL,
NOW SPICE POSTOFFICE.
BAXTER DIED HERE,
NOV. 7, 1863.

HOUSE IN WHICH
MAJOR BAILEY DIED,
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TREE UNER WHICH
GEN. ROBT. E. LEE SLEPT,
NIGHT OF SEPT. 15, 1861.
NEAR DROOP MOUNTAIN.



AVERELL'S HOSPITAL-
BEARD'S RESIDENCE
AT HILLSBORO.



Scenes from Droop Mountain Battlefield



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of N. Va., and he had the reputation of a most powerful and effective war lord. They expected him to be an older man.

On the 23rd he began the journey across Elk back to Beverly and safety. The roads were glazed with ice. The men had to dismount and pull the artillery by hand part of the way. But they got back with all their equipment.

For endurance, courage, strength and pluck this experience of an army of 2,500 is perhaps without parallel. Why much was not made of it is hard to figure out. For the work of these 2,500 who split the Confederacy wide open and overcome the resistance of the forces of men and nature seems that of supermen. Historians have practically ignored it. All the publicity it got at the time was from the Richmond papers and that was ridicule heaped on the Confederate forces, when no less than seven Confederate armies allowed one little Union army to cut through their lines, destroy two hundred thousand bushels of grain and other stores, tear up a railroad, and then to escape without capture.

The government recognized his campaign as a brilliant achievement, though the escape was due to pure luck, the Confederates having taken the wrong road. However, their reward was a new suit and a new pair shoes, for each of the men, to replace those worn out on the march. (From History of Pocahontas - Price Independent Times Apr. 26, 1923. Written by Andrew Price.)

This march was made from New Creek in Hampshire County to Beverly by way of _____, a distance of around 400 miles in 17 days, and in the winter time.

(Union Soldiers)

There were Union soldier from this County who went out and joined other Companies and regiments who were mostly under the commands of Gener Milroy and General Sheridan. All the names that are available are as follows:

Akers Thomas,
Arbogast Brown,
Arbogast George,
Buzzard Armenius,
Curry John,
Cutlip William ,
Duffield William
Duncan William
Dilly Clark,
Kellison Clark,
Kellison Andrew,
Kee James,
McCarty Peter,
Moore, David,
Moore Joseph ,
Sharp Jerimiah
Sharp Milton,
Slaton John,
(Shears David)
(Rider James)
Vanless Andrew,
Vanless Nelson,
Vanless John F

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Family History
15 files -
By Ward Sharp

At 4 Sharp
Jenny Hocking
5 files -
By Ward Sharp

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The trip last week was over to Clarksburg to refresh a few feeble jests before that friendly society, the Kiwanis Club, and tell them builders where to head in. The invite came through the courtesy of Rupert Sinsel. He is a kinsman through the Warwick line. I am only hoping I did not say too much to disgrace the family reputation in those parts.

The Sinsels are a strong family connection in Borbour county. Their connection with the Warwick relationship is through the marriage of a daughter of Charles Cameron See, son of Adam and Mary Warwick See, the latter a daughter of Major Jacob Warwick of Pocahontas county. Charles Cameron See's wife was a daughter of Dr Squire Bosworth of Beverly.

I recall my father, the late Dr. William T. Price, telling interestingly of a visit he paid to the Sensel family when he went out with the Tin Cup Campaign to Grafton in 1861 to defend the Commonwealth from invasion from the north. The Sinsel children said they were glad to see cousin, but for the sake of peace and harmony not to talk war before Grandpa Sinsel, and not to mention the mission which brought him to those parts. He could get by all right, as no uniforms had been issued to the Virginia soldiers for this first campaign.

Morning came after a pleasant sojourn and a night of restful repose. Like in all regulated house holds, then as now, the day was fairly begun with family prayer. The old patriarch had the young minister read the Scripture portion, but he reserved to himself the matter of leading the prayer. The gist of the most fervent petitions was that the Union of States be preserved; by gentle persuasion if possible, but by unhesitating force if necessary.

I have the impression he did not expect any appropriate being prayed for, but he would be do about it.

Just about eight years from 1861 to 1869, I was a young boy living in the same place as my father.

grand jury return indictments for murder against many of our prominent people. They had been Confederate soldiers, and were haled before a civil court to answer for acts of war.

It kind of leaked out that the indictment would be quashed by the judge for cash consideration. I never heard tell of any of the true bills being taken care of in this easy, quiet, crooked way. My recollection is the court records will show the indictment against Captain Jacob W Marshall, of the 18th Virginia Cavalry, was not thrown out of court until sometime in the eighties when Judge Homer Holt was on the bench.

Anyway the people quietly organized a lynching bee to deal summarily with the Judge Harrison on his return to Lewisburg from the Hunterville court. In some way the word leaked to the judge and he went home by way of Anthony Creek instead of the usual route, the Lewisburg and Marlins Bottom Turnpike. I have heard the rspe was to be tied to the Marlinton bridge when they dropped the judge in the river.

Then the judge got in a mess at the Lewisburg court; got knocked through a window by the clerk of the court; went west and died within my own recollection in a poor house in Colorado.

All this is just leading up to say that the late Spencer Dayton appeared on the scene at a time when a lot of good people were in need of an advocate. The local attorneys were debarred by reason of the test oath. They could not swear they had not aided and abetted the late Southern Confederacy.

Incidentally, one of them, Captain D. A. Stopher did stand and so swear. Having raised a whole company, called the Pocahontas Rescues, and marched them off in the Tin Cup Campaign to Philippi as their captain; having collected some five million bullets in his body during the following four years of war, the doughty captain was promptly indicted for false swearing. Then he too apparently stood in need of an advocate as much as anybody else.

It was Spencer Dayton who came into the breach. He came here from Summersville, over the Nicholas Trail through the Black Forest. It is said he disliked to wear shoes, and that he walked the distance barefooted, carrying his shoes and only putting them on when he came in sight of the court house. A story, it is said.

Nelle Y. McLaughlin,
Arlington, W. Va.

original confines of Harrison county. However, times were such, our people did not do much business so far as the records go in their county seal a week's walk away on the West Fork of the Monongahela. If ever I get a peaceful moment in Clarksburg I will look up the court records for those eight years.

The Harrison County Line is still a landmark here. Beginning at the Ohio River below Parkersburg it crossed Williams River at the Falls and Greenbrier River at the Falls, Rocks above the mouth of Swago and thence to the Top of Alleghany where the Greenbrier and Pocahontas line corners on the State boundary. This survey was made in 1785. This line dividing Botetourte and Alleghany, had been projected years before. It was recognized though never surveyed. The reason I say recognized is that Ewings, Kinlsons and McNeels went to Point Pleasant in 1774 with Botetourte companies, for they lived below Swago; the Poages, Johnsons, Moores, Warwicks, Camerons who lived above Swago, went out with Augusta companies.

About all that can be said about our people being a part of Harrison county is that while it was so said on the book for eight years they were a part of it, in reality they did not know nor do much about it.

In counties west of us, the bearing of the old Harrison county line was taken by the old surveyors as the base line in running out the land grants.

The Sinsel family is connected with the Dayton family. The wife of Judge A. G. Dayton was a Miss Sinsel; their son is the Honorable Arthur Dayton of Charleston, leading lawyer, outstanding Shakespearian scholar of his generation, and a recognized art critic in the field of picture painting. What I am leading up to say is the late Judge Dayton was the son of the late Spencer Dayton. He came from Connecticut along about some time in the early fifties or late forties to practice law. This he did extensively in a whole block of counties which are now in central West Virginia. Incidentally when his grandson, Arthur, moved from Philippi to Charleston some years since, the name of Dayton was removed from the list of attorneys at the bar of Harbours county, where it held honorable position for eighty years—grandfather, son and grandson.

Spencer Dayton is a tradition in Pocahontas county, and I have let the old people die off without finding out about his practice and service here in reconstruction times. Of course his family has written some thing about him and his ancestors tracing the line over to Old England and even running it down to Runny Meade, whatever and wherever that was. I reckon I ought not admit I am so provincial and narrow as to have small interest beyond my own county and State. But then does any man can easily take in too much country and spread himself too thin? A man must need

available to an apposed people. I don't know of any of the trumped up murder cases coming to trial, certainly there were no convictions; eventually through the years the indictments were thrown out of court.

As for the indictment against Captain Stupher in some way appeal was taken to the Federal Court at Clarksburg, where the case was baffled along until the state restored the right of franchise to the Confederate soldier, and then dropped.

This sketchness is the tradition of Spencer Dayton, the lawyer from the North, in Pocahontas county at a time when a lot of good people sorely needed the help he so ably and so cheerfully rendered them.

You know, I never pose as a person with a message. In fact, when it comes to men with messages and women with missions, I devoutly ask a merciful heaven to deliver us, along with sudden death, bone erysipelas and poison ivy. However, I did tell those West Forkers down in Clarksburg that since their black town was now something more than a wide place on the old Northwest Pike it was about time they were realizing the need of culture, and for heaven's sake to do the right thing by Salem College. This fine old school is eking out a somewhat precarious existence. Once it was down the pike ways, it is now just exactly far enough out in a suburban area. It is living up to and beyond its honorable traditions by doing a bigger and better work than ever before. Woefully is it handicapped by cut throat competition from State supported schools—which cannot be helped—and through lack of means to really meet the demands for higher education by Clarksburg boys and girls, so many of whom cannot go elsewhere—which can be helped.

It happens to be in name a Baptist College—tank or deep water I cannot say—but I do say the West Forker who would refuse moral and financial support to such a local institution because it bears not the name of his particular persuasion, the lid of the pit is popping for his lean old narrow soul.

I tried to tell them what the city of Richmond had done for the University of Richmond, a so called denominational college; what Huntington had done for Marshall College; what Charleston is liable to wake up and do for Morris Harvey; how Morgantown has been dead asleep at the switch as regards any apparent local interest, which would cost anything in the way of money and effort, for the advancement of West Virginia University.

Oh, I tried to throw the gad to those boys of the friendly society, who talk to big of service. For after all is said and done, the ordinary institution of higher learning—whether of denomination, State or endowment—cannot and cannot afford to support a local industry. Regardless of every thing, such institutions flourish or languish in relation to the light of community culture, whether bright

*Indictments
and
The Test oath*

W. V. McLaughlin,

the war between the states, the reconstruction judge was a carpetbagger from Vermont or New Hampshire by the name of Nat Harrison. He had come into prominence somewhat as attorney for defense in the last trial for piracy on the high seas. This was in a Federal Court in New York. The brilliant young lawyer won decision to clear his clients of the charge.

About fifteen years after the celebrated trial, Attorney Nat Harrison turns up at Lewisburg as the Circuit Judge for the Greenbrier Valley counties. To say the least, he was an unlovely character. One item in many counts our people hold against Judge Harrison was his having the

The space is all used up and not a word about that local Clarksburg institution, Wade Pepper, writer extraordinary for the Clarksburg Exponent; Carlisle Wade, a Marlinton boy making good with the West Penn; who was so nice to me; how I missed seeing Forrest McNeill by a day, like has happened every time so often the past forty years; how Paul McNeill, another Pocahontas product, treated me so kindly.

I did the best I knew how to please. I started out in a lady-like glow; soon I perspired in a gentlemanly way, and wound up sweating like a horse. I am not going back unless they ask me.

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ARBOGAST, J. C.	Major	Co. G.	31st.	Va. Regiment.
ARBOGAST, Geo. W.	-----	Co. G.	"	"
ARBOGAST, Paul	-----	Co. F.	19th.	"
ARBOGAST, Dome	-----	Co. I.	25th.	"
AMISS, A. D.	-----	Co. F.	19th.	"
ALDERMAN, Andy C.	-----	Co. I.	25th.	"
ALBAUGH, Geo. B.	-----	Co. G.	31st.	"
ALBAUGH, John	-----			
ALBAUGH, James	-----			
ARMENTROUT, Chas.	-----	Co. F.	19th.	"
AULDRIDGE, John	-----	Co. D.	14th.	"
AULDRIDGE, T. M.	-----		19th.	"
AULDRIDGE, Wm. H.	-----	Co. D.	14th.	"
BARNETT, Stephen	-----	Co. F.	19th.	"
BARNETT, James	-----	Co. A.	62nd.	"
BARNETT, Thomas	-----	Co. A.	62nd.	"
BZARD, Chas. W.	-----	Co. F.	19th.	"
BEARD, E. L. (SERGT.)		Co. F.	11th.	"
BEARD, J. H.	-----	Co. F.	11th.	"
BEARD, Jno. G.	-----	Co. F.	11th.	"
BEARD, W. W.	-----	Co. F.	11th.	"
BEARD, Jno. J. (Lieut.)		Co. F.	19th.	"
BEARD, Joel M.	-----	Co. G.	31st.	"
BEARD, Daniel	-----			
BEARD, Levi	-----	Co. A.	62nd.	Va. Regiment.
BEARD, Joe	-----	Co. A.	"	"
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ALBAUGH, John	-----		
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AULDRIDGE, John	-----	Co. D. 14th.	" "
AULDRIDGE, T. M.	-----	19th.	" "
AULDRIDGE, Wm. H.	-----	Co. D. 14th.	" "
BARNETT, Stephen	-----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
BARNETT, James	-----	Co. A. 62nd.	" "
BARNETT, Thomas	-----	Co. A. 62nd.	" "
BZARD, Chas. W.	-----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
BEARD, E. L. (SERGT.)		Co. F. 11th.	" "
BEARD, J. H. Sr.	-----	Co. F. 11th.	" "
BELING, Jno. G.	-----	Co. F. 11th.	" "
BELING, W. W.	-----	Co. F. 11th.	" "
BELING, Jno. J. (Lieut.)		Co. F. 19th.	" "
BELING, Joel M.	-----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
BELING, Samuel	-----		
BELING, Levi	-----	Co. A. 62nd.	Va. Regiment.
BELING, Joe	-----	Co. A. "	" "
BELING, Saml	-----	Co. "	" "

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COULTER, William -----	Co. D. 14th.	Va. Regiment.	
COULTER, George -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "	
COLE, William -----	Co. I. 25th.	" "	
CARPENTER, Crawford H. ---	Co. G. 31st.	" "	
CARPENTER, Jno. M. -----	Co. G. 31st.	" "	
CASSELL, George -----	Co. G. 31st.	" "	
COLLINS, Charles -----	Co. G. 31st.	" "	
COLLINS, Wm. H. -----	Co. G. 31st.	" "	
COLLINS, Jas. -----	Co. G. 31st.	" "	
CAMPBELL, J. Milton -----	Co. G. 31st.	" "	
COURTNEY, Andrew J. -----	Co. G. 31st.	" "	
CORBETT, Mustoe H. -----	Co. I. 26th.	" "	
CLEEK, Peter L. -----	Co. I. 25th.	" "	
COURTNEY, Thos. -----	Co. 18th.	" "	
CURRY, Jas. -----	19th.	" "	
DORMAN, Hiram -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "	
ERVINE, Wm. E. -----	Co. G. 31st.	" "	
ERVINE, Wm. H. -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "	
EDMISTON, Abraham -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "	
EDMISTON, Richard M. -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "	
EDMISTON, Andrew -----	Co. F. 11th.	" "	
EDMISTON, Mathew -----	Co. F. 11th.	" "	
FRIEL, John -----	Co. G. 31st.	" "	
FRIEL, Montgomery A. -----	Co. I. 25th.	" "	
FRIEL, Tom -----	Co. A. 62nd.	" "	
FRIEL, Wm. -----	Co. A. 62nd	" "	

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CARPENTER, Jno. M.	-----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
CASSELL, George	-----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
COLLINS, Charles	-----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
COLLINS, Wm. H.	-----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
COLLINS, Jas.	-----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
CAMPBELL, J. Milton	-----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
COURTNEY, Andrew J.	-----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
CORBETT, Mustoe H.	-----	Co. I. 26th.	" "
CLEEK, Peter L.	-----	Co. I. 25th.	" "
COURTNEY, Thos.	-----	Co. 18th.	" "
CURRY, Jas.	-----	19th.	" "
DORMAN, Hiram	-----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
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EDMISTON, Richard M.	-----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
EDMISTON, Andrew	-----	Co. F. 11th.	" "
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FRIEL, John	-----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
FRIEL, Montgomery A.	-----	Co. I. 25th.	" "
FRIEL, Tom	-----	Co. A. 62nd.	" "
FRIEL, Wm.	-----	Co. A. 62nd	" "

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BEVERAGE, Geo. W. -----	Co. G. 31st.	Va. Regiment.	
BEVERAGE, Wm. M. -----	Co. G. "	"	"
BURNER, Allen C. -----	Co. G. "	"	"
BURNER, Chas. C. -----	Co. G. 19th	"	"
BURNER, Lafayette -----			
BURNER, Lee -----			
BLAIR, Claiborne -----	Co. D. 14th.	"	"
BLAIR, John -----	Co. D. 14th.	"	"
BENNETT, Granville -----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"
BENNETT, Levi -----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"
BROWN, Robt. B. -----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"
BURR, George -----	Co. I. 25th.	"	"
BURR, Fred -----	Co. I. 25th.	"	"
BURR, William -----	Co. I. 25th.	"	"
BURNSIDE, James -----	Co. F. 11th.	"	"
CACKLEY, Wm. H. -----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"
CARPENTER, Hugh -----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"
CASEBOLT, George -----	19th.	"	"
CALLISON, Thos. F. -----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"
CALLISON, James -----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"
COCHRAN, George B. -----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"
COCHRAN, Samuel -----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"
COCHRAN, Thos. -----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"
COCHRAN, George -----	19th.	"	"
COCHRAN, F. S. -----	Co. D. 14th.	"	"
COCHRAN, Clark -----	Co. F. 11th.	"	"
COULTER, Allen -----	Co. D. 14th.	"	"

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BEVERAGE, Geo. W. -----	Co. G. 31st.	Va. Regiment.
BEVERAGE, Wm. M. -----	Co. G. "	" "
BURNER, Allen C. -----	Co. G. "	" "
BURNER, Chas. C. -----	Co. G. 19th	" "
BURNER, Lafayette -----		
BURNER, Lee -----		
BLAIR, Claiborne -----	Co. D. 14th.	" "
BLAIR, John -----	Co. D. 14th.	" "
BENNETT, Granville -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
BENNETT, Levi -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
BROWN, Robt. B. -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
BURR, George -----	Co. I. 25th.	" "
BURR, Fred -----	Co. I. 25th.	" "
BURR, William -----	Co. I. 25th.	" "
BURNSIDE, James -----	Co. F. 11th.	" "
CACKLEY, Wm. H. -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
CARPENTER, Hugh -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
CASEBOLT, George -----	19th.	" "
CALLISON, Thos. F. -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
CALLISON, James -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
COCHRAN, George B. -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
COCHRAN, Samuel -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
COCHRAN, Thos. -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
COCHRAN, George -----	19th.	" "
COCHRAN, F. S. -----	Co. D. 14th.	" "
COCHRAN, Clark -----	Co. F. 11th.	" "
COULTER, Allen -----	Co. D. 14th.	" "

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FRIEL, James	-----	Co. A. 62nd. Va. Regiment.		
GAY, Jas. C.	-----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"
GAY, Sam'l M.	-----	31st.	"	"
GAY, Levi	-----	31st.	"	"
GAY, Hamilton	-----	31st.	"	"
GALFORD, Harrison	-----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"
GALFORD, Dallas	-----	Co. A. 62nd.	"	"
GALFORD, Brown N.	-----	19th.	"	"
GEIGER, John A.	-----	Co. A. 62nd.	"	"
GEIGER, Godfrey	-----	Co. A. 62nd.	"	"
GALFORD, James	-----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"
GILLESPIE, Beverly	-----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"
GILLESPIE, Valentyne	-----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"
GILLESPIE, Wm. S.	-----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"
GIBSON, William	-----	Co. I. 25th.	"	"
GIBSON, C. S.	-----	Co. I. 25th.	"	"
GRIMES, Peter	-----	Co. I. 25th.	"	"
GUM, John E.	-----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"
GUM, Robert H.	-----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"
GUM, George M.	-----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"
GUM, Jas. Franklin	-----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"
GUM, Jas. H.	-----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"
GUM, McBride	-----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"
GUM, Cyrus P.	-----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"
GUM, Peter	-----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"
GUM, As.	-----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"
GUM, Robert	-----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"
GUM, Jas.	-----	Co. I. 25th.	"	"

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FRIEL, James	-----	Co. A. 62nd. Va. Regiment.		
GAY, Jas. C.	-----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"
GAY, Sam'l M.	-----	31st.	"	"
GAY, Levi	-----	31st.	"	"
GAY, Hamilton	-----	31st.	"	"
GALFORD, Harrison	-----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"
GALFORD, Dallas	-----	Co. A. 62nd.	"	"
GALFORD, Brown N.	-----	19th.	"	"
GEIGER, John A.	-----	Co. A. 62nd.	"	"
GEIGER, Godfrey	-----	Co. A. 62nd.	"	"
GALFORD, James	-----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"
GILLESPIE, Beverly	-----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"
GILLESPIE, Valentine	-----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"
GILLESPIE, Wm. S.	-----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"
GALSON, William	-----	Co. I. 25th.	"	"
GALSON, C. S.	-----	Co. I. 25th.	"	"
GRIMES, Peter	-----	Co. I. 25th.	"	"
GUM, John E.	-----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"
GUM, Robert N.	-----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"
GUM, George M.	-----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"
GUM, Jas. Franklin	-----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"
GUM, Jas. H.	-----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"
GUM, McBride	-----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"
GUM, Cyrus P.	-----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"
GUM, Peter	-----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"
GUM, Asa	-----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"
GUM, Robert	-----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"
GUM, Jas.	-----	Co. I. 25th.	"	"

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HILL, George -----	Co. D. 14th.	Va.	Regiment.
HILL, Wm. -----	Co. D. 14th.	"	"
HILL, Isaac A. -----			
HIGGINS, William -----	8th.	"	"
HIGGINS, James H. -----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"
HIGGINS, Sam'l H. -----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"
HEVENER, David -----	Co.		
HEVENER, Uriah -----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"
HEVENER, Samuel -----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"
HEVENER, Harvey -----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"
HAMILTON, James -----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"
HAMILTON, Chas. -----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"
HELMICK, Geo. A. -----	Co. I. 25th.	"	"
HOGSETT, Wm. R. -----	Co. I. 25th.	"	"
HEROLD, C. B. -----	Co. I. 25th.	"	"
HEROLD, B. F. -----	Co. I. 25th.	"	"
HAMILTON, A. G. -----	Co. I. 25th.	"	"
HALTERMAN, Levi -----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"
HUGHES, Jas. W. -----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"
HUGHES, Am. M. -----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"
HUDSON, Dallas -----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"
HUDSON, A. B. -----	Co. A. 62nd.	"	"
HUGHES, Jno. C. -----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"
....., Am. H. -----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"
....., Robert W. -----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"
....., Jas. -----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"
....., F. H. -----	Co. 19th.	"	"

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HIGGINS, Sam'l H. -----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"
HEVENER, David -----	Co.		
HEVENER, Uriah -----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"
HEVENER, Samuel -----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"
HEVENER, Harvey -----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"
HAMILTON, James -----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"
HAMILTON, Chas. -----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"
HELMICK, Geo. A. -----	Co. I. 25th.	"	"
HOGSETT, Wm. R. -----	Co. I. 25th.	"	"
HEROLD, C. B. -----	Co. I. 25th.	"	"
HEROLD, B. F. -----	Co. I. 25th.	"	"
HAMILTON, A. G. -----	Co. I. 25th.	"	"
HALTERMAN, Levi -----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"
HUGHES, Jas. W. -----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"
HUGHES, Wm. M. -----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"
HUDSON, Dallas -----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"
HUGHES, W. B. -----	Co. A. 62nd.	"	"
HUGHES, Jno. C. -----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"
HUGHES, Wm. H. -----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"
HUGHES, Robert -----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"
HUGHES, Joe. -----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"
HUGHES, -----	Co.		
	19th.	"	"

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HARPER, F. W. -----	19th.	Va. Regiment.
IRVINE, J. W. -----	18th.	" "
JACKSON, Jno. S. -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
JACKSON, George W. -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
JORDAN, Jas. J. -----	Co. I. 25th.	" "
KENNISON, David C. -----	Co. F. 11th.	" "
KENNISON, John L. -----	Co. F. 11th.	" "
KENNISON, Wm. E. -----	Co. F. 11th.	" "
KENNISON, N. C. B. -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
KENNISON, Allen R. -----	Co. F. 8th.	" "
KEE, Geo. M. -----	Co. A. 36th.	
KERR, Jas. D. -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
KERR, David -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
KERR, Jacob -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
KERR, Andrew -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
KERR, Wm. -----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
KENNISON, David -----	Co. D. 14th.	" "
KENNISON, Hezekiah -----	Co. D. 14th.	" "
KENNISON, Wash -----	Co. D. 14th.	" "
KENNISON, Jas. A. -----	Co. A. 19th.	" "
KENNISON, Chas. -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
KENNISON, Samuel C. -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
KELLS, Sinclair -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
KYONS, Enos -----	Co. I. 25th.	" "
KYONS, Jas. F. -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
KYONS, Dr. Jno. -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
KYONS, Christy M. -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "

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JACKSON, George W. -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
JORDAN, Jas. J. -----	Co. I. 25th.	" "
KENNISON, David C. -----	Co. F. 11th.	" "
KENNISON, John L. -----	Co. F. 11th.	" "
KENNISON, Wm. E. -----	Co. F. 11th.	" "
KENNISON, N. C. B. -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
KENNISON, Allen R. -----	Co. F. 8th.	" "
KEE, Geo. M. -----	Co. A. 36th.	
KERR, Jas. D. -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
KERR, David -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
KERR, Jacob -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
KERR, Andrew -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
KERR, Wm. -----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
KENNISON, David -----	Co. D. 14th.	" "
KENNISON, Hezekiah -----	Co. D. 14th.	" "
KENNISON, Wash -----	Co. D. 14th.	" "
KENNISON, Jas. A. -----	Co. A. 19th.	" "
KENNISON, Chas. -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
KENNISON, Samuel C. -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
KERR, Sinclair -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
KERR, Enos -----	Co. I. 25th.	" "
KERR, Jas. F. -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
KERR, Dr. Jno. -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
KERR, Christy M. -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "

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LOWRY, Robt.	-----	Co. F. 19th.	Va.	Regiment.	
LOGAN, Chas. A.	-----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"	
LINDSAY, Sam'l C.	-----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"	
LINDSAY, Robert D.	-----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"	
McLAUGHLIN, Hugh P.	--	Co. I. 25th.	"	"	
McLAUGHLIN, Hugh M.	-----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"	
McLAUGHLIN, Robt. C.	-----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"	
McLAUGHLIN, Jas. N.	-----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"	
McLSUGHLIN, Geo.	-----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"	
McLAUGHLIN, Jas.	-----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"	
McLAUGHLIN, Jacob	-----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"	
McCOY, Geo. W.	-----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"	
McCOY, Noah D.	-----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"	
McKEEVER, Abram	-----	Co. D. 14th.	"	"	
McKEEVER, Reuben	-----	Co. D. 14th.	"	"	
McNEEL, Wm. L. (CAPT.)	-----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"	
McNEEL, M. J.	-----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"	
McNEEL, Andrew G.	-----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"	
McNEEL, John A.	-----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"	
McNEEL, Geo. S.	-----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"	
McNEEL, Ellis	-----	Co. D. 14th.	"	"	
McNEEL, Jas. M. (CAPT.)	-----	Co. D. 22nd.	"	"	
McNEEL, Claiborne	-----				
McNEEL, John	-----	Co. F. 11th.	"	"	
McNEEL, Thos. Hugh	-----	Co.			
McNEEL, Harper	-----	Co. 19th.	"	"	
McNEEL, Geo. H.	-----	14th.	"	"	

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LOWRY, Robt.	-----	Co. F. 19th.	Va.	Regiment.	
LOGAN, Chas. A.	-----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"	
LINDSAY, Sam'l C.	-----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"	
LINDSAY, Robert D.	-----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"	
McLAUGHLIN, Hugh P.	--	Co. I. 25th.	"	"	
McLAUGHLIN, Hugh M.	-----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"	
McLAUGHLIN, Robt. C.	-----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"	
McLAUGHLIN, Jas. N.	-----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"	
McLSUGHLIN, Geo.	-----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"	
McLAUGHLIN, Jas.	-----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"	
McLAUGHLIN, Jacob	-----	Co. G. 31st.	"	"	
McCOY, Geo. W.	-----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"	
McCOY, Noah D.	-----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"	
McKEEVER, Abram	-----	Co. D. 14th.	"	"	
McKEEVER, Reuben	-----	Co. D. 14th.	"	"	
McNEEL, Wm. L. (CAPT.)	-----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"	
McNEEL, M. J.	-----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"	
McNEEL, Andrew G.	-----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"	
McNEEL, John A.	-----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"	
McNEEL, Geo. S.	-----	Co. F. 19th.	"	"	
McNEEL, Ellis	-----	Co. D. 14th.	"	"	
McNEEL, Jas. M. (CAPT.)	-----	Co. D. 22nd.	"	"	
McNEEL, Claiborne	-----				
McNEEL, John	-----	Co. F. 11th.	"	"	
McNEEL, Thos. Hugh	-----	Co.			
McNEEL, Harper	-----	Co. 19th.	"	"	
McNEEL, Geo. H.	-----	14th.	"	"	

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MOORE, Chas. L. -----	Co. G. 31st. Va. Regiment		
MOORE, Mathias L. -----	Co. G. 31st. "	"	"
MOORE, James C. K. -----	Co. G. 31st. "	"	"
MOORE, Levi -----	Co. I. 25th. "	"	"
MOORE, Michael -----	Co. I. 25th. "	"	"
MOFFETT, Geo. H. -----	Co. F. 11th. "	"	"
MORRISON, Jas. -----	Co. F. 19th. "	"	"
MOORE, Brison -----	31st. "	"	"
MOORE, Jacob S. -----	19th. "	"	"
NOTTINGHAM, Wash -----	Co. G. 31st. "	"	"
NOTTINGHAM, Jno. W. -----	Co. G. 31st. "	"	"
OVERHOLT, Reuben E. -----	Co. A. 36th. Batt.		
OVERHOLT, Geo. W. -----	Co. A. 36th. Batt.		
OVERHOLT, Wm. H. -----	Co. F. 19th. Va. Regiment.		
OVERHOLT, A. J. -----	Co. A. 36th. Batt.		
OVERHOLT, Peter -----	Co. F. 19th. Va. Regiment		
PRICE, Rev. W. T. (CHAP.)	31st. "	"	"
PRICE, Andrew G. -----	Co. G. 11th. "	"	"
PRICE, J. Calvin -----	Co. F. 19th. Va. "	"	"
PRICE, Sam'l D. -----			
POTTS, Newton -----			
POTTS, Gatewood -----			
PRICE, J. Woods (Lieut.)---	Co. F. 19th. "	"	"
POAGE, Wm. H. (CORP.) -----	Co. F. 19th. "	"	"
Killed at Darksville, Va.)			
POAGE, Moffett -----	11th. "	"	"
PAYNE, Wm. H. -----	Co. F. 19th. "	"	"

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PILES, John	-----	Co. I. 25th.	Va. Regiment.
PILES, Wm. L.	-----	Co. I. 25th.	" "
PHILLIPS, Geo. W.	-----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
PHILLIPS, Randolph	-----	Co. A. 62nd.	" "
PHILLIPS, Cloud	-----	Co. A. 62nd.	" "
PUFFENBARGER, Jas.	-----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
PUFFENBARGER, Jonas	-----	Co. A. 62nd.	" "
PUELLIN, Adam C.	-----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
PUGH, Wilson	-----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
PUGH, Curtis	-----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
RUCKMAN, Sidney	-----	(Co. G. 31st.	" ")
		(Co. F. 19th.	" ")
RUCKMAN, Chas.	-----	(Co. G. 31st.	" ")
		(Co. F. 19th.	" ")
RUCKMAN, Samuel	-----	Co. G. 31st.	" " -
RUCKMAN, James W.	-----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
RIDER, Hezekiah	-----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
RICHIN, Geo. W.	-----	Co. D. 14th.	" "
RICHMOND, Chesley K.	-----	Co. D. 14th.	" "
RICHMOND, John	-----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
RICE, J. M.	-----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
RICE, Geo. W.	-----	(Co. F. 19th.	" ")
		(Co. G. 31st.	" ")
RUPPON, Amos J.	-----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
RUPPON, John G.	-----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
RUPPON, Geo. B.	-----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
RUPPON, Geo. M.	-----	Co. F. 19th.	" "

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PHILLIPS, Cloud	-----	Co. A. 62nd.	" "
PUFFENBARGER, Jas.	-----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
PUFFENBARGER, Jonas	-----	Co. A. 62nd.	" "
PULLIN, Adam C.	-----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
PUGH, Wilson	-----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
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RUCKMAN, Sidney	-----	(Co. G. 31st.	" ")
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RUCKMAN, Chas.	-----	(Co. G. 31st.	" ")
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RUCKMAN, Samuel	-----	Co. G. 31st.	" " -
RUCKMAN, James W.	-----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
RIDER, Hezekiah	-----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
RICHIN, Geo. W.	-----	Co. D. 14th.	" "
RODGERS, Chesley K.	-----	Co. D. 14th.	" "
ROTHOFF, John	-----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
ROSE, J. M.	-----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
ROSE, Geo. W.	-----	(Co. F. 19th.	" ")
(ROSE)		(Co. G. 31st.	" ")
RUSTON, Charles J.	-----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
RUSTON, John D.	-----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
RUSTON, Geo. B.	-----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
RUSTON, Geo. M.	-----	Co. F. 19th.	" "

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SHEETS, Wm. -----	Co. F. 19th.	Va. Regiment.
SHEETS, Henry -----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
SHEETS, Jacob -----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
SHEETS, Andrew -----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
SHEETS, Isaac -----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
SWINK, Zack -----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
RUCKMAN, David -----	Co. A. 36th.	Batt.
SHARP, Peter -----	Co. A. 62nd.	Va. Regiment.
SHARP, John -----	Co. A. 62nd.	" "
SHARP, Henry -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
SHARP, Andrew -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
SHARP, Daniel -----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
SLAVEN, Lanty -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
SLAVEN, Randolph -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
SLAVEN, W. W. -----	Co. I. 25th.	" "
SPENCER, John J. -----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
SPENCER, Jas. M. -----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
SLATON, Wm. W. -----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
SLATON, Andrew J. -----	Cp. G. 31st.	" "
SLATON, Jacob -----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
SLATON, Jas. -----	Co. 31st.	" "
SLATON, C. A. -----	Co. I. 25th.	" "
SLATON, Nicholas -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
SLATON, Jan. -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
SLATON, Sam'l -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
SLATON, Lanty -----	Co. I. 25th.	" "
SLATON, John -----	Co. I. 25th.	" "

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SPENCER, John J. -----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
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SLATON, Wm. W. -----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
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SLATON, Sam'l -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
SLATON, Lanty -----	Co. I. 25th.	" "
SLATON, Sam'l -----	Co. I. 25th.	" "

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SHRADER, B. F. -----	Co. I. 25th.	Va. Regiment.
SYMS, Josiah -----	Co. A. 62nd.	" "
SHINABERRY, Isaac -----	Co. A. 62nd.	" "
SHARP, Morris -----	Co. A. 62nd.	" "
SCALES, Michael -----	Co. D. 14th.	" "
SMITH, Isaac B. -----	Co. D. 14th.	" "
Taylor, Jacob -----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
TAYLOR, Wm. -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
TRACY, Geo. W. -----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
TRACY, Jas. A. -----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
TRACY, Wm. -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
THOMAS, Jno. W. -----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
THOMAS, French -----	Co. D. 14th.	" "
TAYLOR, Jas. -----	Co. A. 62nd.	" "
VARNER, Jno. P. -----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
VARNER, John -----	Co. 19th.	" "
VARNER, David A. -----	Co. I. 25th.	" "
VANRENNAN, John -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
WOODDELL, F. Clark -----	Co. F. 11th.	" "
WOODDELL, Adam A. -----	Co. A. 62nd.	" "
WOODDELL, Wm. Warwick -----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
WOODDELL, Andrew J. -----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
WOODDELL, Aaron -----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
WARWICK, Peter H. -----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
WARWICK, John R. -----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
WARWICK, Jas. W. -----	Co. G. 11th.	" "

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WANLESS, Jas W. -----	Co. G. 31st.	Va. Regiment.
WANLESS, Stephen -----	Co. I. 19th.	" "
WOODDELL, Jacob -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
WALTON, Frank -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
WILMOTH, Wm. L. -----	Co. I. 25th.	" "
WAUGH, Levi -----	Co. I. 25th.	" "
WOLFENBARGER, Robt. -----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
WILFONG, John -----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
WILFONG, John M. -----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
WILFONG, Elisha -----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
WILFONG, Emanuel -----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
WILFONG, Samuel -----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
WILFONG, Wm. G. -----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
WILFONG, Henry -----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
WILFONG, Daniel -----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
WILFONG, Jonas -----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
WILFONG, David -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
WILFONG, John -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "
Yeager, Wm. A. -----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
YEAGER, Henry A. -----	Co. G. 31st.	" "
YOUNG, Geo. -----	Co. G. 11th.	" "
WOODDELL, Preston -----	Co. F. 19th.	" "

This list was made up by Mr. T. S. McNeel and checked with a list from the Pocahontas Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy.

Chapter 4
"THE POCAHONTAS RESCUERS"

This was an infantry company organized when war threatened between the states back in 1860.

The company was mustered in on Saturday May 18, 1861 and marched on that day to defend the sacred soil of Virginia from invasion by Federal forces in the northwest. They met the invaders at Philippi, but had no luck in repelling them.

General Skeen was the lieutenant of the company. General William Skeen had served as clerk of both county and circuit courts. He was succeeded just before the war by William Curry. He appeared to be the purchasing agent for the county court, as he paid the bills for the little army, and took the receipts thereof. Under date of June 25, 1861 he rendered an itemized account under expenses incurred on March of "Pocahontas Rescues" amounting to \$68.68. It was allowed and \$25.00 paid on account. He notes a balance of \$43.68 due him. This money had mostly been spent for blankets, shoes and gloves.

The Pocahontas Rescuers marched from Huntersville about 10 a.m. May 18, 1861. In Skeen's report he writes the following: A large crowd of ladies and gentlemen were present and at the moment of marching hardly an eye that was not wet with tears. Many accompanied us to the bridge. Then Rev. Flaherty addressed the crowd and all meekly bowed the knee in the public road while he fervently addressed a prayer in behalf of those marching and for those left behind. We camped at night in front of William Gibsons and the company were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Gibson, by John Hannah, John B. Hannah and I. W. Bennett (These people lived on Elk)

William H. Carpenter, Mustos Corbett, William Cole, George Cash,
 Monte Mary Friel, Peter Grimes, Cyrus Gammon, John Cranfield,
 Mathias Griffin, Amos Helmick, Charles B. Herold, William R. Hogsett
 Isaac B. Hanes, Robert A. Hannah, Joseph Hannah, William Henson,
 Adam Hamilton, Joseph I. Johnson, Joseph D. Jordan, Amos Lyons,
 Patric Moriarty, James H. McLaughlin, Micheal Moore, Sylvester
 Mitchell, William L. Pyles, John Pyles, John H. Pence, James
 Swadley, Lewis Smith, Cain H. Sivey, William Slavens, Lantz See-
 bert, James Shannon, Marti Sharp, Daniel Varner, Michael Whollihan,
 Patric Whollihan, Levi Waugh, Charles Weaver, Robert Weaver.

On the return of these Pocahontas Rescuers the company was disbanded,
 and the men with a number of additions made up Co. 1 25 th Virginia
 Infantry. J. Hugh McLaughlin was elected first Lieutenant.

Co. 1 25th Virginia Infantry C. S. V.

Captain - D. A. Stofer

1st Lieutenant - J. Hugh McLaughlin

Captain Stofer came from the valley of Virginia. He served as a
 commonwealth attorney for Pocahontas a number of years. He had been
 a soldier in the Mexican War and had fought a number of battles.
 He was wounded at Cross Keys when he fell with five bullet holes in
 his back. But he lived to survive the war some 20 years.

The private who made up this company were the members of the
 Pocahontas Rescuers with the addition of the following names;

Daniel Arbogast
 William Barr
 Peter L. Black
 James Brown
 Peter Brown
 John C. Brown

J. W. Mathews
 Michael Shannon
 C. A. Simmons
 B. Franklin Schroder
 George Ware
 Eugene Ware
 William Ware
 Benjamin Ware

This company was engaged in the following battles: Philippi
(this was while it was known as Pocahontas Rescues). Mc Dowell,
Winchester, Cross Keys, Port Republic, 7 days fight around Richmond,
Slaughter Mountain, Second Manassas, Bristow Station, Sharpsburg,
Fredericksburg. Second Winchester, Gettysburg, Mine Run, and
Wilderness. In the latter the 25th Regiment was captured. Co 1
from Pocahontas had been reduced (killed) to 17 men. Of these 17
men, eleven lived through the war, the other 6 died in prison.

When captured they were first taken to Point Lookout Maryland.
Then to Elmira, N. Y.

On Monday January 13, eleven volunteers from Pocahontas County took bus for Clarksburg where they were inducted into the army service. They were:

408 T 6 Bert H. Waugh
411 V 7 Jacob Woodrow Shinn
412 V 11 Wayne Geiger
413 V 12 Jacob Gene Louny
414 V 13 Ralph Leon Long
415 V 14 Wm. Raymond Bowers
416 V 15 Howard James Kelley
417 V 16 Roy J. Houchlin
418 V 19 Joseph Leonard Moses, Jr
419 V 21 Arch Waybright
420 V 22 Norman Wilson Phillips

On Thursday, January 16, another soldier will go out to Clarksburg under the selective service, in the person of 425 V 9 Thurl William Gary.

In about five hours the young volunteers were in Clarksburg at the induction station. They will be sent from there to army posts to be thoroughly and properly trained for our own self-protection should war be thrust upon us. Naturally I was interested in the going out of a company of volunteers eighty years ago from this County. This company the Pocahontas Rescuers, took about a week to march, eighty miles, to learn war in the raw. So—

Mustering of the "Pocahontas Rescuers" Mustered into service on August 1861

Captain Stoffer, D. A. 1 pr gloves, 25 cts.

1st Lieut. C. J. I. Skeen, b
2nd Lieut. Starker, D. W. C.
Major Walter E. b

1st Lieut. Asa James
2nd Lieut. Andrew L.
3rd Lieut. John
4th Lieut. Henry b
5th Lieut. John H. b

6th Lieut. John H. b
7th Lieut. John H. b
8th Lieut. John H. b
9th Lieut. John H. b
10th Lieut. John H. b

11th Lieut. John H. b
12th Lieut. John H. b
13th Lieut. John H. b
14th Lieut. John H. b
15th Lieut. John H. b

16th Lieut. John H. b
17th Lieut. John H. b
18th Lieut. John H. b
19th Lieut. John H. b
20th Lieut. John H. b

21st Lieut. John H. b
22nd Lieut. John H. b
23rd Lieut. John H. b
24th Lieut. John H. b
25th Lieut. John H. b

Murphy, Patrick, pr shoes, b
McLaughlin, James H, b
McLaughlin, Hugh
Moore, Michael, b
Moore, Levi
Mitchell, Sylvester, b
Piles, Wm. L.
Piles, John
Pence, John H.
Swadley, James
Smith, Lewis, b
Sivey, Cain H, 1 shirt \$1 25
Slavens, Wm. W.
Seebert, Lanty L.
Shannon, James, b
Sharp, Martin B.
Verner, Daniel A, b
Whollihan, Michael
Whollihan, Patrick
Waugh, Levi, b
Weaver, Charles W. 1 pr gloves, 25 cents, b

Weaver, Robert L. b
"b" signifies that they have received blankets.

The Pocahontas Rescuers marched from Huntersville about 10 a. m. on May 18, 1861. A large crowd of ladies and gentlemen were present and at the moment of marching hardly an eye that was not wet with tears. Many gentlemen and ladies accompanied us to the Bridge. Then the Rev. Mr. Flaherty addressed the crowd and all meekly bowed the knee in the public road while he fervently addressed a prayer in behalf of those marching and of the parents and friends left behind. Halted at night in front of William Gibson's and the company were entertained by Mr and Mrs Gibson, John and John B Hanish and I. M. Hogsett.

Sunday 19th—After the company attended church at I. M. Hogsett's and heard a patriotic sermon from Rev. Flaherty, they marched to J. Varner's. Just as the company arrived the Cavalry under Captain McNeel came in sight. They were received with all honor. The company then heard a sermon from Rev. J. E. Moore and were dismissed and entertained by Jno Varner, Josiah Herold, Colonel Gatewood at Big Spring, John Beth Cavalry and Company. Then across the Mountain to Marshall's. Rain during the evening and all night.

Monday 20th—March resumed at 6 1/2 a. m. Halted an hour at J. W. Marshall's and marched to Jacob Conrad's. 15 staying overnight at John Conrad's, a few going with John McLaughlin, 8 to Snyder's and the rest quartered upon Jacob Conrad. Halted at intervals all day.

Constitution Of The Company
Article 1—This company shall be known by the name of Pocahontas Rescuers.

Article 2—The regular musters of this company shall be held on the

first Saturday in the month of April, May, June, August, September and October and the July muster shall be held on the 4th day of the month, save when the 4th happens to fall on Sunday, when it shall be held on the 5th.

Article 3—All fines assessed against commissioned officers for failure to attend muster shall be \$5 00; non-commissioned officers \$2 50; privates \$1 25.

Article 4—All fines assessed shall be for the benefit of the company, to be disbursed whenever the amount of \$20 or more shall be found in the hands of the treasurer unappropriated, by a vote of the Company. The majority ruling, if it is considered practicable.

Article 5—This Constitution may be altered or amended at any time by vote of two thirds concurring at a regular meeting, when a majority is present.

Article 6—There shall be a president, secretary and treasurer chosen by the company, who shall hold their office for one year, whose duties shall be those usually performed by such officers.

Article 7—A majority of the Company may at any regular meeting elect honorary members, who shall be come honorary members of this Company thereupon, by paying to the Treasurer, the sum of three dollars each.

BY-LAWS

1. The board for the trial of offenses and non-attendance of members at musters and all other delinquencies shall be tried by a Court Martial, a majority of which shall rule.

2. The Court Martial shall consist of the commissioned and non-commissioned officers of the company.

Looking around in the court house for something to print, I came upon some old papers in the hand writing of General William Skeen, which gave the roster of "The Pocahontas Rescuers," an infantry company organized when war threatened between the states, back in 1860. I print it herewith. Also the constitution and by-laws.

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berry.	
836 V-11	Wayne Gelger
641-V-12	Jacob Gene Loury
130-V 13	Ralph Leon Long
.V-14	Wm. Raymond Bowers
V 15	Howard James Kelley
718-V-16	Roy J. Houchin
421-V-19	Joseph Leonard Moses, Jr
10-V 21	Arch Waybright
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Report of the Droop Mountain Battlefield Commission

The Droop Mountain Battlefield Commission respectfully submits the following report: That on the 25th day of January, 1927, House Joint Resolution No. 8, was adopted, which is as follows:

"Providing for the appointment of a commission for the battlefield on Droop Mountain."

Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia.

WHEREAS, One of the hard fought battles of the Civil War occurred at Droop Mountain, in the State of West Virginia, in which West Virginia soldiers, both Union and Confederate, participated, and, in the interval, the intervening years have elapsed, and the memory of that battle, yet there are still living old soldiers and citizens who can mark out the various positions of the different regiments, battalions and companies that were engaged in the battle; and,

WHEREAS, Droop Mountain is a very high elevation overlooking the valley of the Greenbrier River, the little levels of Pocahontas County, and the far off peaks of the Alleghany Mountains, making it one of the most beautiful scenic spots in West Virginia; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to appoint a committee of five, three from the House and two from the Senate, whose duty it will be to look over the battlefield, temporarily mark the battle lines, and secure all necessary information from the old soldiers and citizens yet living in the community, that everything authentic may be preserved for future generations. The committee shall ascertain the owners of the land upon which the battle was fought and take a conditional option on some part of such land, of not less than fifty acres, at a price that seems reasonable to the committee.

The members of the committee shall be paid their actual expenses incurred in carrying out this resolution.

Pursuant to the Joint Resolution aforesaid and in compliance therewith, your Excellency on the 21st day of April, 1927, appointed a commission as follows:

From the House of Delegates:

John D. Sutton of Sutton, West Virginia.

N. F. Kendall of Grafton, West Virginia.

M. M. Harrison of Confidence, West Virginia.

From the Senate:

A. L. Hemick of Thomas, West Virginia.

Robert F. Kidd of Glenville, West Virginia.

That your Commission met on the 28th day of April, 1927, in the City of Charleston, and organized by the election of John D. Sutton as chairman and N. F. Kendall as Secretary.

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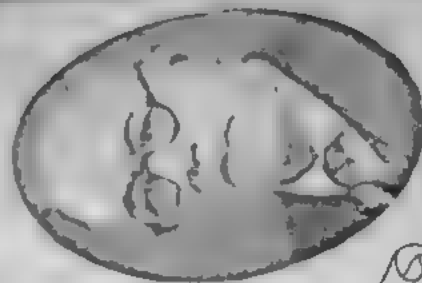
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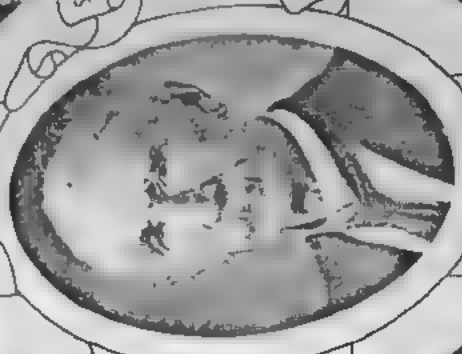
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Prior to this battle there were no considerable Confederate forces anywhere in West Virginia except in the Greenbrier Valley, which was held by the Confederates from its head to its foot, a distance of about one hundred seventy miles, and which protected Virginia from attacks from the west. For the purpose of dislodging these Confederate forces, General Averell was directed to march from Beverly, West Virginia, to Lewisburg and that it was while on this march he met the enemy at Droop Mountain. The battle was there fought on the 6th day of November, 1863, between the forces commanded by General Averell, and the Confederate forces by General John Behols and Colonel William L. Jackson.

Your Commission further reports that this was the only battle where the forces were composed largely of West Virginia soldiers, and fought on West Virginia soil.

Droop Mountain is fourteen miles south of Marlinton, seven from Millpoint and four and one-tenth miles from Hillsboro, and it is also ten miles from Kenic station, sixteen miles from Frankfort and twenty-four miles from Lewisburg. Your Commission further reports that Hills Creek, rising at the base of some high mountains, west of Droop Mountain, sinks and passes under Droop Mountain, near the middle of the battlefield, then emerges at the eastern edge where it is called Locust Creek. It flows about two miles to the Greenbrier River.

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A call was made by him for a meeting to be held at Weston, West Virginia, on the 23th day of December, 1927, at which meeting all the members were present, except Delegate [redacted] who was absent on account of being the scope of the report of the Commission was devoted upon and the preparation of the report was delegated to Senator Kidd, with the aid of the Chairman and Secretary. [redacted] had the intention to make the report very complete, and to contain the photographs of your Excellency and [redacted] and further contain the cuts and a brief sketch of the leading officers engaged in that hotly contested battle as well as photographic views of the field and of the [redacted] Valley. That it also contain a picture of the old [redacted] now standing, and further a recommendation for a lake and flying field, and that it also contain letters and interviews obtained from soldiers engaged in the battle and other interesting [redacted] therewith.

Your Commission further reports that all of the matters set forth are also herewith or printed in this report and asked to be made part thereof.

The Commission reports that Droop Mountain is a high elevation nearly 7,000 feet above sea level, and contains several high peaks. The area is rolling, and is a limestone soil and the tract operated is about one-half cleared. The woodland contains some valuable timber.

The scenery from this mountain is beautiful; stretching northward as far as the eye can see, is the Little Level of Pocahontas County, and a magnificent view of the Allegheny Mountains and the Green-

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Reports Made by Participants

Your Commission sets out herein a partial report made of said battle by the leading officers who participated therein:

General Averell's Report:

On the first day of November, I left Beverly with my command consisting of the 28th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. (Col. A. Moor, 10th West Virginia Infantry, Col. T. M. Harris; 2nd West Virginia Mounted Infantry, Lieut. Col. A. Scott; 3rd West Virginia Mounted Infantry, Lieut. Col. F. W. Thompson; 8th West Virginia Mounted Infantry, Col. J. H. Oley; 14th Pennsylvania Cavalry, Col. J. N. Schoonmaker; Gibson's Battalion and Batteries B & G, First West Virginia Light Artillery, Capt. J. V. Keeper and C. T. Ewing.

On the morning of the 6th we approached the enemy's position. The infantry and one corps of cavalry was sent to the right to ascend a range of hills, with orders to attack the enemy's left and rear, the attack of our infantry, 1,175 strong, was conducted skillfully by Col. Moor.

The 2nd, 3rd and 8th, dismounted, were moved in line obliquely to the right, until their right was joined to Moor's left. Col. Moor says when he arrived in front of the enemy's position, at 1.45 P. M. he formed a line and ordered Col. Harris to move up in double quick, who arrived in the nick of time. "See first formation map."

Lieut. Col. Scott's Report

Lieut. Col. Alex. Scott, 2nd West Virginia Mounted Infantry, says that at about 12 o'clock, having moved to the front, "I was ordered to dismount my command and fight on foot, and was ordered to take a position between the third and eighth. At this time we found the 3rd, 8th and 14th Pennsylvania Cavalry in line of battle, with Jackson's force. The 2nd, 3rd and 8th West Virginia Infantry, at once immediately in front of the breastworks."

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Report of Colonel John Oley

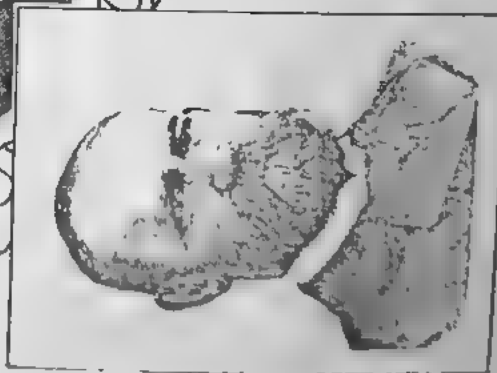
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COMMANDING OFFICERS OF CONFEDERATE TROOPS

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Report of Maj. Wm. Blessing, 23rd Virginia Battalion

The fighting became very severe. I was ordered to march with three companies to the support of Captain Marshall, who, with twelve and twenty five dismounted cavalry, was being forced back.

We were then forced back to a fence at the Bloody Angle. We were then reinforced by three companies of the 22nd Virginia Infantry, and one dismounted company of the 14th Virginia Cavalry.

Report of Col. Thompson

Colonel Thompson, 19th Virginia Cavalry, says that he sent one hundred cavalry under command of Captain Marshall, the command consisting of the 19th and 20th Virginia Cavalry just after. Major Blessing commanding Dennings Battery, consisting of three hundred men, he having deployed his men on the right of the line formed by Captain Marshall.

Report of Col. W. Wiley, 20th Virginia Cavalry

Says that about 2 p. m. we were attacked by the 2nd, 3rd and 4th West Virginia Mounted Infantry.

Report of Col. Milton J. Ferguson

Colonel Ferguson, 16th Virginia Cavalry, says that he reported to General Echols on the 5th of November, who was then on the march, and arrived at the camp of Colonel Jackson at the eastern extremity of Dröop Mountain, at 6 a. m. on the morning of the 6th. One section of the 14th Regiment was ordered to take position on the

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Letters Bearing Upon the Battle

Brownsville, Fayette County,
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GEORGE W. ANSON.

Chapel, W. Va., July 12, 1927.

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE:

I do not feel that I have health or the strength to meet you at the Dröop Mountain Battlefield next week, much as I would love to. I hope you will be able to properly locate the field. If you could find some Confederate soldiers that were in the fight or native citizens who were acquainted might be helpful. As I remember the enemy were stationed in line of battle and we advanced on them. They soon left the patch, as I remember, during the hottest part of the fight. I was near the head of the Company where we joined Company A. Sergeant of Company A—I can't think of his name now—was killed near my side. Wheeler, Milt Kollyson and others were wounded near about the same time. When the enemy fled the company and regiment that were able followed in pursuit. I think, to Lewisburg. I confess that I was more concerned in what was going on than in noting the lay of the land. Please excuse the rambling. Hope you succeed.

Respectfully,

HENRY BENDER.

Coffeeville, Kansas, March 5, 1927

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE

Your letter just to hand having been forwarded to me from Chapel. My recollection of the Druop Mountain Battle is not too far off. I think both regiments marched up the same road and near the summit, the 28th in the lead, near the top of the left hand both regiments were the same distance on the mountain, when we attacked and marched toward the enemy and soon found them. Our formation was Companies A, B, D, and C after which I am not sure, only Company B was the extreme left. I do not remember any troops on our right. I am only guessing from my recollection, the engagement began not later than 10 A. M. and ended by noon, or before. I do not remember that there was a skirmish line. I always thought our company struck the most formidable game in the enemy's line. I would love to go over the field but do not now feel that I will be able. Anything I can do will be cheerfully done. With best wishes Henry Bender.

Note Captain Bender was mistaken as to the time that the battle ended.

Progress, W. Va., April 20, 1927.

DEAR MR. STETSON.

Your letter received the 19th inst.

The battle of Druop Mountain began about 10 o'clock A. M. and lasted about one hour, as well as I remember.

I belonged to Company F, 10th West Virginia Volunteer Infantry. My position battle ranks General William Jackson's troops were in front, and I do not remember about the skirmish line. Sixty-two prisoners were captured, and do not know the number killed.

My health will not permit my attending a meeting of the committee.

Very truly yours,

L. O. ENGEL.

Note He was mistaken as to the length of the engagement

Cottageville, W. Va., May 9, 1927

MY DEAR OLD FRIEND:

I received your letter some time ago and was certainly glad to



THE 10TH WEST VIRGINIA MOUNTED INFANTRY, LATER CHANGED TO 7TH WEST VIRGINIA CAVALRY

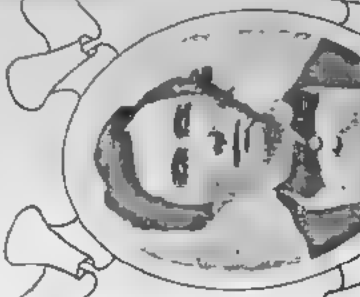


A. W. GREGG
CHAPLAIN
8TH W. VA. MTD. INFANTRY



HENRY A. ATTER
MAJOR
10TH W. VA. INFANTRY

SOME PARTICIPANTS
IN THE BATTLE OF
DROOP MOUNTAIN



JOHN D. SUTTON
CO F, 10TH W. VA. INFANTRY



JOHN D. BAXTER
ORDERLY SGT
CO. F, 10TH W. VA. INF.
FELL LEADING
LAST CHARGE



LIEUT. HENRY REMICK
CO. F, 10TH W. VA. INF.
PROMOTED
FOR GALLANTRY



C. W. ANGEL
1ST LIEUT. CO. M
8TH W. VA. MTD. INFANTRY



J. E. SWAAR
2ND LIEUT. CO. G
8TH W. VA. MTD. INFANTRY

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... 60 or 80 yards distance from it, ...
... The Confederate who shot me was ...
... was resting on a log. He shot me as I was ...
... The other boys were wounded ...
... where the pike crosses the moun- ...
... sometime between twelve and one o'clock. ...
... were carried away to Joe Beard's home. ...
... a temporary hospital.

... for a West Virginia soldier left in Jackson County. ...
... and Spas Morrison still living? ...
... I have always felt ...
... Bolivar Uights. As regards ...
... my children are scattered, some being ...
... while my eldest son lives in ...
... I would like to see you once more and talk over our old ...
... Come over to Cottageville with Eugene Slaughter ...
... My faith is clear and strong ...
... and for a home in Heaven.

... Best regards to you and family.

Your old comrade,

JOHN A. BLASG.

Note: The 28th Ohio was formed in line of battle and was engaged with the enemy when the 10th West Virginia came up. See Colonel Morrison's official report.

early in the morning the Union army began to move on the mountain. They moved down very early in the morning, about 8 o'clock, Jackson moved his baggage back up on the top of the Droop, and at about 10 o'clock, skirmishing began very lively, beginning on the eastern face of the Droop, continuing around southward near the Laurel Creek Mill and also north to the Black Mountain. General Echols arrived with his force from the direction of Lewisburg, between 8 and 9 o'clock, and Colonel Cochran near the same time with the 14th Virginia Cavalry. Echols with most of his men occupied the southern part of the mountain, but Derricks Battalion was placed on the north of the left wing of W. L. Jackson, and the 14th Cavalry was placed on the main top of the main mountain near the turnpike in rear of the artillery. General Jackson's artillery was placed north of the turnpike. His line of battle continued from the turnpike northward around to Halls Creek, including the line of Derricks skirmishers, as stated commenced at about 1 o'clock. Fighting fiercer and fiercer began in earnest and ended at or near 4 or 4:30 in the evening.

General Averell moved his men very near the top of Droop, the men were surprised, but I was not. I told the General but I was too late with the news. That is why I was there in the charge to call Colonel Derrick to fall back. I lost my horse by it, and was captured to boot, but got away before they got off the mountain. I belonged to Company B, 26th Virginia Cavalry, W. L. Jackson's Brigade. I was a courier and then knew nearly all the southern lines of battle.

The regiments in front of the center, east of Droop Mountain, that I knew was there was the 14th Pennsylvania, the 8th and 16th Cavalry, the 10th West Virginia and 28th Ohio. Those two regiments done the heavy part of the fighting. All lines that I come in contact with that day had skirmish lines. As to prisoners caught on either side, I don't remember. But there was forty captured when I was. I might be able to be present and attend a meeting of the Committee at some time this year, I can't just say.

You must be light on considering or criticizing my pencil scratching, as my eyes are very bad.

Yours respectfully,

MILTON BUTTER.

Notes The bones of the horse have been discovered.

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was at Moorefield, Virginia, also at Mt

George W. Amerson.

Left Home Hospital, July 14, 1927.

I believe that you wished to get in com-
munication with the Battle of Droop Mountain.
I was in the West Virginia Regiment Infantry and
was in the line. We were on the right wing of our forces
and we located the enemy in thick timber we charged and
killed them without any casualties on our part, but with heavy loss
to the enemy. Until we came to an open space where the timber had
been cut. There we received a galling fire, and lost a number
of men all from one volley. We then took shelter behind logs and
that is where Sergeant Bird Curry lost his life. We
moved to the right and routed the Johnnies, and that ended

Yours truly,

L. S. CLONINGER,

Co. A, 10th West Virginia Infantry.

Gassaway, W. Va., April 27, 1927.

My Dear Mr. Surprenant;

I will try and answer you at this late date, as I was away at the
arrival of your letter, but will now try to do so.

The morning of the 6th of November, as the day of the battle,

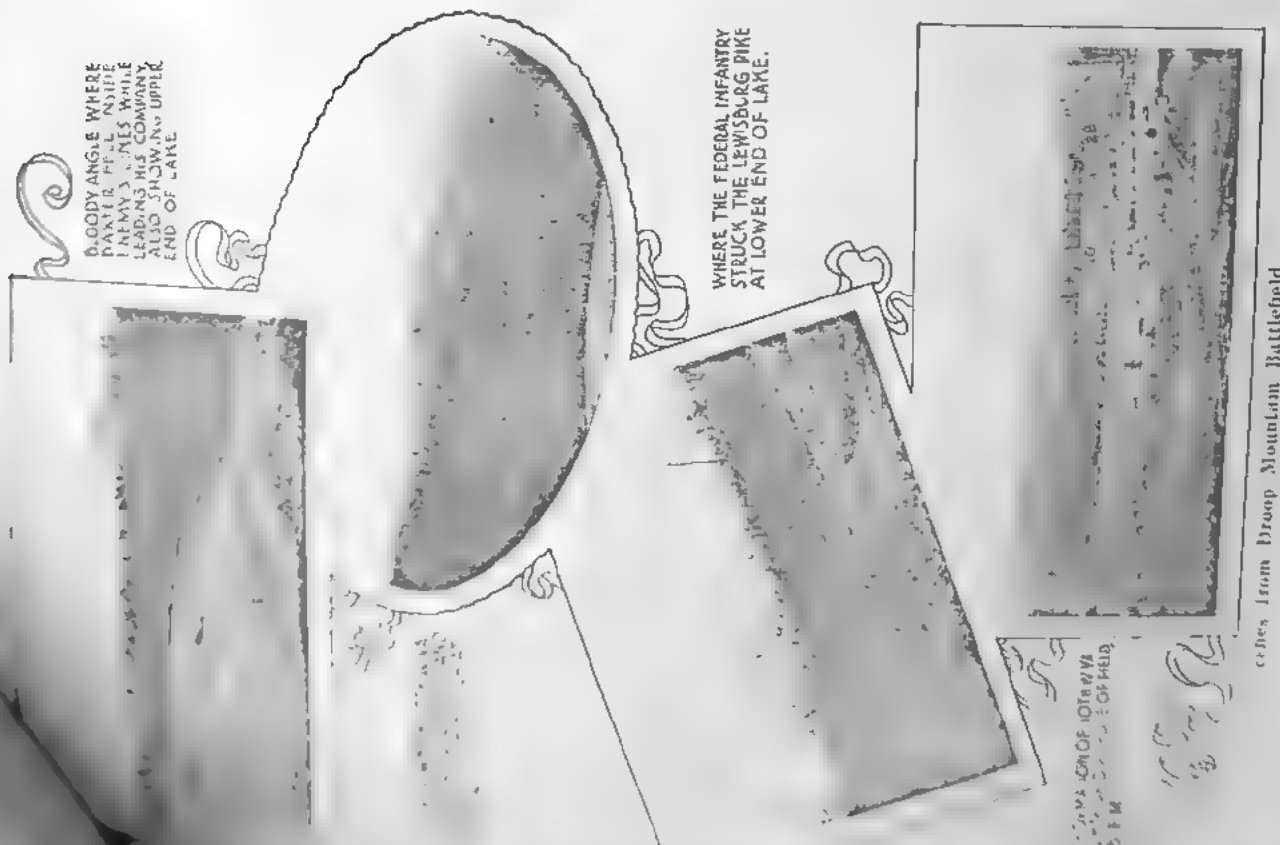
Incidents

Your Commission has tried to so mark the position of all the different units and by actual survey and measurements, that the markers which we have planted and the maps which we have prepared may be a sure guide to the public, and the descendants of the soldiers that fought the battle, and point to the very spot where the fathers stood in the greatest battle ever fought on West Virginia soil.

Milton Butcher, who was Jackson's courier, carried the last order that his chief gave. The order was to Colonel Derrick, and read, "Fall back to pike, west of artillery." He delivered the dispatch but his horse was killed and he was captured, but made his escape.

Major Kester, who commanded the 46th Battalion, was in front of the 28th Ohio. He stopped their advance and they were giving back, whereupon Kester shouted to his men to stand firm for two minutes, saying they were whipped, but before the two minutes were up the 10th West Virginia coming up as Colonel Moor says in his report, "just in the nick of time," turned the tide of battle, and the Major found it more convenient to run than stand.

About this time, the Confederate line was reinforced by four companies of the 22nd Virginia Infantry, and one company of the 14th Virginia Cavalry dismounted. They poured a deadly fire from behind a fall fence into the ranks of the 10th West Virginia Infantry, and especially into Company F, which happened to be in an exposed position, and many of its members were being shot down, and many wounded and some of its members began to fall back. Their Captain was in prison and the First Lieutenant was on staff duty, and the company had but one commanding officer, Lieutenant Henry Bender. John D. Baxter, the orderly sergeant was in advance of the company. At this point our Chairman saw the conclusion of the company and went up to Baxter and requested him to get back and help line up the company. To this request Baxter never replied, but rushed up and kicked two or three rails off of the fence and they both jumped over the fence and Baxter received a mortal wound. W. F. Morrison, W. M. Barnett and John A. Blagg we believe were the next to cross the fence, and while crossing Blagg was badly wounded and Barnett had a leg shot off. Morrison escaped unharmed. The man who shot Barnett gave his life



CHURCH FROM DRUM MOUNTAIN BATTLEFIELD

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GORE'S GROVE #10
STATE ROAD #24

EWING'S BATTERY, 320 POLES
EAST OF LURTY'S BATTERY, BY
GROVE OF TREES

MARKER ON OLD ROAD
WHERE MAJOR BAILEY FELL
WHILE TRYING TO RALLY THE
22ND VIRGINIA INFANTRY
STATE ROAD # 24.

LOOKING FROM BREAST WORKS
TO HILLSBORO, SHOWING YANKEE
FLATS, AND WHITE HOUSE TO LEFT
GENERAL AVERELL'S HEADQUARTERS
ON NIGHT BEFORE THE BATTLE

Scenes from Droop Mountain Battlefield

KILLED

Five killed and twenty-one wounded in 28th Ohio; their orderly sergeant, Company F, killed.

The attention has been called to the Droop Mountain Battlefield, and being situated as it is on one of the paved highways of the State, no great attraction can be shown than the great scenic views of the mountain and river, and the rich valley, lying at its base, together with the battlefield, will make Droop Mountain one of the nation's premier attractions and will advertise West Virginia, as nothing else could do.

We wish to call your attention to the fact that the effort that is being put forth for the development and beautifying the battlefield has met the hearty response of every old soldier, living or dead, and has the universal approval of the citizens of the State,

... should also be retained and the ...
 for \$100,000 may be made for the payment of the lands and to carry
 on the work of improvement as rapidly as possible, and we would
 further recommend that the marketable value of the lands be sold
 and that the ridge herebefore referred to, should be made
 suitable for flying tunnels, and also that the water of the
 be impounded, and that suitable driveways and other attractive
 features be prepared as early as possible and that ultimately a great
 park may be established and maintained that would be a great
 to those in other states.

Your Commission would further recommend that the Executive
 Agency call the attention of the Governors of Pennsylvania and Ohio
 to the very valuable service rendered by the 14th Pennsylvania
 Cavalry, commanded by Colonel Schoemaker and the 14th Ohio
 Infantry, commanded by Colonel Moor, as these states may desire
 to perpetuate the memory of those brave men by a suitable monu-
 ment or monuments placed on the battle lines where they fought.

Your Commission here expresses the belief that by the expendi-
 ture of a reasonable sum of money on the Droop Mountain Battle-
 field that it would become such an attractive resort and of a value
 to the State beyond estimation in dollars and cents, and that the
 same would produce a patriotic sentiment that would forever be
 blended and clustered around the field that holds so many sacred
 memories.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JNO. D. SUTTON,
 N. F. KENDALL,
 R. F. KIDD,
 M. M. HARRISON,
 A. L. HELMICK.

Another matter of special interest is an ancient lake that was
 discovered by the Chairman of your Commission. Its outline is
 clearly marked and shows it to have been a magnificent lake of
 water, but the countless ages have encroached upon its shores, until
 it is covered over with elder brush, moss and vines. Its waters flow
 out from the end of the lake, and with two small fills would, in all
 probability be sufficient to impound the waters, to a depth of sev-
 eral feet and a driveway around the lake would be about one mile
 in length and we believe that the magnitude of the lake, covering
 about fifteen acres, would support millions of mountain trout.

Your Commission would recommend that the land optioned
 should be purchased and a deed obtained and the title to the fifteen

The Droop Mountain Battle

By S. A. M. S.

The Droop Mountain Battle was a significant event in the history of the Civil War. It took place on the morning of November 19, 1861, in Droop Mountain, West Virginia. The battle was fought between the Union forces and the Confederate forces. The Union forces were led by General Averell, and the Confederate forces were led by General Wm. L. Jackson. The battle was a tactical draw, but it was a significant morale boost for the Union forces. The battle was fought on a mountain, and the Union forces were able to use the terrain to their advantage. The Confederate forces were unable to break through the Union lines. The battle was a turning point in the war, and it showed that the Union forces were capable of standing up to the Confederate forces in a conventional battle. The battle was a testament to the courage and determination of the Union soldiers. The battle was a significant event in the history of the Civil War, and it is remembered as a day of valor and sacrifice.

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DROOP MOUNTAIN BATTLE GROUND

SKIRMISH LINES

YANKEE FLATS

GEN. AYER'S HEADQUARTERS
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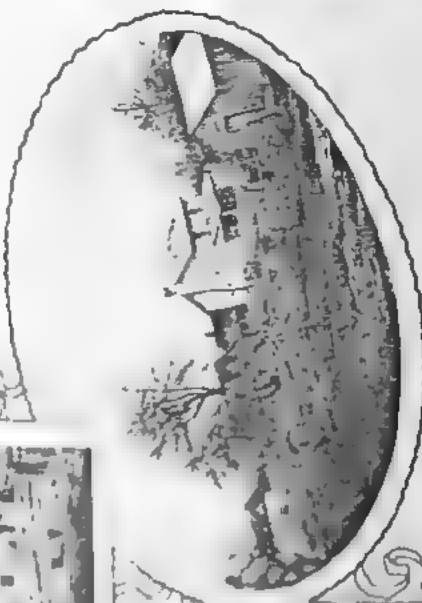
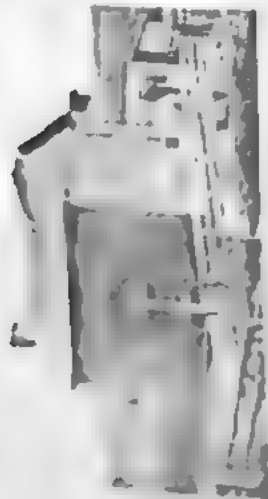
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camped for the night. On the morning of the 6th, General Averell threw out a strong skirmish line that cleared his front to the foot of the Mountain. About 9 A. M. the 10th W. Va. Inf., 28th Ohio Inf. and one company of the 14th Pa. Cav. and two pieces of King's Battery were sent around on a back road $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles where they formed, and struck the enemy in force. Here is where the principal and hardest part of the battle was fought, and in passing over one small plot of cleared land, not comprising more than one acre, thirteen were killed and forty-seven were wounded. Some of those wounded died later, so if in this battlefield covering nearly two thousand acres of land and fought on by seven thousand determined soldiers, what would the casualty list have been if the land had been cleared. According to numbers, it might have been a second Lookout Mountain, a Fredericksburg, or a battle of great slaughter. Providence was kind, whilst the Mountain State was baptized in blood. Averell then formed the 2nd, 3rd and 8th W. Va. Mounted Infantry, with a portion of the 14th Pa. Cavalry in line of battle, who succeeded in driving the Confederate forces, composed of the 22nd Va. Inf. and 19th Va. Cav. and other units up the mountain, near the summit. While further on the left of the Confederate line we find a portion of Colonel Averell's regiment, 20th Va., Colonel..... commanding, Kesler's Battalion, 23rd Va., Major Blessing; four companies Derrick's battalion, a portion of the 22nd Va. Inf. Some of these units have been twice named because, as the fighting became more severe on the Confederate left, they weakened their right by sending reinforcements to strengthen their left. I give it as my opinion, knowing the spirit of the men who fought that battle, that if the army had not been protected by a dense forest that fifty per cent of the men engaged would have been slaughtered.

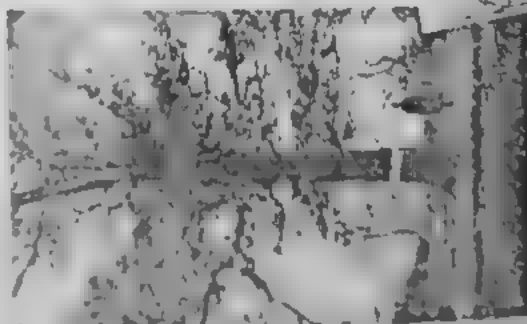
The forces engaged in the Battle were composed of twelve Confederate units, regiments, battalions and independent companies.

While the Union forces were composed of nine units, regiments and battalions, there was but a slight difference in the numbers composing the two armies, the 10th West Virginia infantry and the 23rd Ohio that comprised the flanking party and did the principal fighting was officially reported as 1175 soldiers while the 22nd Virginia Infantry, Confederate, was reported officially at 550 soldiers strong and the 23rd Virginia Battalion 350 strong. Captain Marshall with 125 dismounted cavalry, Captain Derring's battalion 200, and Major Kesler's battalion and other units composed a very

TEMPERARY HOSPITAL
NIGHT OF SEPT. 5, 1861
BATTLE OF DROOP MOUNTAIN
NOV. 1, 1861



TREE UNDER WHICH
GEN. ROBT. E. LEE SLEPT
NIGHT OF SEPT. 5, 1861
NEAR DROOP MOUNTAIN.



AYER'S HOSPITAL -
GEN. ROBT. E. LEE'S RESIDENCE
AT HILLSBORO.



Scenes from Droop Mountain Battlefield

element fighting force. These units were concentrated on the left and fought the 10th and 20th So. it was a fair re-oyal by seasoned troops of approximately equal numbers.

What turned the tide of battle was the neglect of the Confederate general to fortify his position and protect his flank. Ayer, an officer of superior ability, took advantage of the situation and turned the flank of the enemy with his infantry and gave them such a slight margin for their escape which caused much confusion.

All that saved the Confederates from being cut off was the lake that protected their left flank. If General Jackson and his army had fortified the back road over which the flanking units moved and protected their lines by falling timber and temporary breast-works on the mountain side which they had abundant time to do, their position would have been impregnable. The mere height of a mountain is of but slight advantage to those defending it, if they are not protected by breast works. When the 10th West Virginia Infantry succeeded in gaining a position on the left of the Confederate line, the Confederate commander seeing their peril and danger of being cut off, ordered a retreat. The roads being blocked by cavalry, artillery and wagon trains caused much confusion. The Union victory was not the result of a lack of number on the Confederate side, nor to the gallantry of her soldiers, but a lack on the part of their commanders to comprehend the situation and take advantage of their position.

Now we come to another phase of the history of Droop Mountain. We reason from analogy and from prehistoric evidence, that Droop Mountain has been a battlefield of some prehistoric race, or by the early Indian tribes of America. We read from journals of Capt. Win. Trent, who says that the Shawnees were the most remarkable of all the people inhabiting the region east of the Mississippi. In 1682 they fell under the rule of the Six Nations and for half a century they existed in various branches. The Miamis were a powerful nation. It is said they were the only Indians that ever waged a successful war with the Six Nations. The Delaware Nation consisted of several tribal organizations. They were driven by the Six Nations from the Delaware river to the Susquehanna, then to the Monongahela. Kerebeval says that the Catawba and Delaware Indians were said to have been engaged in war when the valley of Virginia was first discovered. Several bloody battles were fought between these tribes on the Potomac. Other battles occurred on South Branch in Hampshire County, and near Franklin, Pendleton County, according to

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tradition, a battle occurred between the Indians on Cow Pasture River near Millersburg in Bath county. We see that near and on every side of Droop Mountain Indian battles occurred, and there is every reason to believe that possibly many battles were fought on the Droop. It was not only a fortress, but a supply of war material rich and inexhaustible.

I am impressed with the thought that in the ages long gone by that some of the western or southern tribes of North America had one of their strong defensive outposts on the Droop Mountain.

There are unmistakable evidences of it in the rich valley at the foot of the mountain where in the rich, level land supplies were abundant and where their warriors could be assembled to a naturally fortified position in the plains at the foot of the Droop Mountain excavations, where thousands of tons of rough flints have been removed.

And on the top of the mountain in a field by the edge of the lake the ground is covered with spears and arrowheads, a field where the natives have gathered thousands of the Indian handiwork and the chips and spalls to this day cover the ground.

This must have been a great military camping ground for the warriors of the forest by the side of a lake where the waters flow up cold and sparkling. I imagine in this ancient lake there were countless millions of trout from which these warriors feasted and from the valleys and rivers. And rich hunting ground. Supplies were abundant to feed the warriors, whose duty it was to protect the rich hunting grounds. And this the metropolis of the assembled tribes it is known that in the ages of the past different tribes, fierce and warlike, fought with desperation and relentless fury over the possession of favored territory. For time unknown the tribes of the north and those of the south were at enmity.

Droop Mountain was doubtless one of the strongest strategic position on the spurs of the Allegheny mountains. Droop Mountain points with unmistakable evidence to the metropolis of some powerful and war-like nation and we doubt not that the very ground over which the soldiers of the sixties fought with such courage and daring was one made red with the blood of the savage, a war-like people long since extinct.

The evidence they left is crude but distinct. Let us in the name of a history-loving people, living in the pride of a great age, mark this historic battlefield, dedicated to the freedom of West Virginia, with monuments of granite embellished in art that will forever commemorate the imperishable memory and heroism of the sons of our beloved State.

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Report of the Droop Mountain Battlefield Commission

The Droop Mountain Battlefield Commission respectfully submits the following report: That on the 25th day of January, 1927, House Joint Resolution No. 8, was adopted, which is as follows:

"Providing for the appointment of a commission for the battlefield on Droop Mountain."

Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:

WHEREAS, One of the hard fought battles of the Civil War occurred at Droop Mountain, on November 2, 1862, a battle in which West Virginia soldiers, both Union and Confederate, participated; and, Whereas, The intervening years have obliterated many of the scenes of that battle, yet there are still living old soldiers and citizens who can mark out the various positions of the different regiments, battalions and companies that were engaged in the battle; and,

WHEREAS, Droop Mountain is a very high elevation overlooking the valley of the Greenbrier River, the little levels of Pocahontas County, and the far off peaks of the Alleghany Mountains, making it one of the most beautiful scenic spots in West Virginia; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to appoint a committee of five, three from the House and two from the Senate, whose duty it will be to look over the battlefield, temporarily mark the battle lines, and secure all necessary information from the old soldiers and citizens yet living in the community, that everything authentic may be preserved for future generations. The committee shall ascertain the owners of the land upon which the battle was fought and take a conditional option on some part of such land, of not less than fifty acres, at a price that seems reasonable to the committee.

The members of the committee shall be paid their actual expenses incurred in carrying out this resolution.

Pursuant to the Joint Resolution aforesaid and in compliance therewith, your Excellency on the 21st day of April, 1927, appointed a commission as follows:

From the House of Delegates:

John D. Sutton of Sutton, West Virginia.

N. F. Kendall of Grafton, West Virginia.

M. M. Harrison of Confidence, West Virginia.

From the Senate:

A. L. Helmick of Thomas, West Virginia.

Robert F. Kudd of Glenville, West Virginia.

That said Commission met on the 25th day of April, 1927, in the City of Charleston, and organized by the election of John D. Sutton as chairman and N. F. Kendall as Secretary.

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The Commission at this meeting authorized the Chairman to employ a competent engineer to aid and assist in the preparation of the map of the battlefield, showing the most important points in this, one of the fiercest and most decisive battles waged on West Virginia soil during the Civil War. The Commission then adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

Your Commission pursuant to the call of the Chairman on the 18th day of July, 1927, met at Marlinton and on the 19th visited the scene of the battlefield on Droop Mountain, accompanied by quite a number of prominent and interested citizens from Marlinton and Hillsboro—many of whom were thoroughly acquainted with the battlefield and furnished much valuable information to the Commission.

On July 20th, 1927, the Commission met in session at the residence of Mrs. Rebecca B. McCarty, which is located on the farm where the great and destructive battle was fought. All of the members of the Commission were present.

The Commission inspected the battlefield and made a fairly complete survey of the same. It comprises more than two thousand acres of territory.

Your Commission further reports that they stood on the summit of Droop Mountain on a calm, quiet summer day, when the whole surrounding country seemed at peace and there was nothing to indicate that sixty-four years prior to that time those who wore the blue and those clad in the gray were engaged on that hill in one gigantic struggle for the mastery of West Virginia, then in its infancy. Each army fought for what it believed to be right and nearly all of the men who were actors in that bloody drama were West Virginians. But the North and South ended their bitter struggle, the Republic was preserved, and the animosity engendered by that conflict has passed away and universal peace reigns throughout the Republic.

The scene spread out before us was one of indescribable beauty and enchantment. Towering mountains, the smiling and fertile valleys, the famous and historic Greenbrier River, flowing gently at the base of the rugged mountain. Nowhere in all of our travels have we witnessed such scenic beauty or such a location for a great State Park.

After such inspection your Commission decided that a part of the battlefield should be obtained for "A Battlefield State Park" and decided that the ground embraced in the McCarty farm, con-



SENATOR R. F. KIDD



SENATOR A. L. HELMICK



DELEGATE JOHN D. SUTTON
CHAIRMAN



DELEGATE W. E. GENERAL
SECRETARY



DELEGATE M. M. HARRISON

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sisting of about one hundred and forty-one acres, this covering the spot where the battle was most fiercely waged, and such option was obtained subject, however to a reservation of fifteen acres around the residence and also the graveyard of one-half acre.

This option is filed herewith and made part of this report and the Secretary was directed to send a copy of the option to your Excellency. The matter of making a survey and of locating and marking the important points of interest was left to the Chairman.

Your Commission further reports that the Chairman caused to be made a map of the said battlefield, showing the location of the battle lines and position of the different units engaged therein, as well as much other valuable information, which plat is filed herewith and made part of this report.

The Commission then adjourned to meet again at the call of the Chairman. A call was made by him for a meeting to be held at Weston, West Virginia, on the 28th day of December, 1927, at which meeting all the members were present, except Delegate Harrison. At this meeting the scope of the report of the Commission was decided upon and the preparation of the report was delegated to Senator Kidd, with the aid of the Chairman and Secretary. It was the expressed intention to make the report very complete, and that it should contain the photographs of your Excellency and of the Commission, and further contain the cuts and a brief biographic sketch of the leading officers engaged in that hotly contested battle, as well as photographic views of the field and of the Little Levels Valley. That it also contain a picture of the old hospital now standing, and further a recommendation for a lake and flying field, and that it also contain letters and interviews obtained from soldiers engaged in the battle and other interesting incidents connected therewith.

Your Commission further reports that all of the matters set forth are filed herewith or printed in this report and asked to be made part thereof.

The Commission reports that Droop Mountain is a high elevation, nearly 1000 feet above sea level, and contains several high peaks, the land is rolling, and is a limestone soil and the tract embraced is about one-half cleared. The woodland contains some white oak timber.

A view from this mountain is beautiful, stretching northward to a point known as the Little Levels of Pocahontas County, and showing a good view of the Alleghany Mountains and the Green-

brier River as it cuts its way through the myriad hills and spurs of the Alleghenies.

Prior to this battle there were no considerable Confederate forces anywhere in West Virginia except in the Greenbrier Valley, which was held by the Confederates from its head to its foot, a distance of about one hundred seventy miles, and which protected Virginia from attacks from the west. For the purpose of dislodging these Confederate forces, General Averell was directed to march from Beverly, West Virginia, to Lewisburg and that it was while on this march he met the enemy at Droop Mountain. The battle was there fought on the 6th day of November, 1863, between the forces commanded by General Averell, and the Confederate forces by General John Echols and Colonel William L. Jackson.

Your Commission further reports that this was the only battle where the forces were composed largely of West Virginia soldiers, and fought on West Virginia soil.

Droop Mountain is fourteen miles south of Marlinton, seven from Millpoint and four and one-tenth miles from Hillsboro, and it is also ten miles from Renic station, sixteen miles from Frankfort and twenty-four miles from Lewisburg. Your Commission further reports that Hills Creek, rising at the base of some high mountains, west of Droop Mountain, sinks and passes under Droop Mountain, near the middle of the battlefield, then emerges at the eastern edge where it is called Locust Creek. It flows about two miles to the Greenbrier River.



BRIG. GEN.
WM. L. JACKSON



BRIG. GEN.
JOHN ECHOLS



COL. W. P. THOMPSON

COMMANDING OFFICERS OF CONFEDERATE TROOPS

Reports Made by Participants

Your Commission sets out herein a partial report made of said battle by the leading officers who participated therein:

General Averell's Report:

On the first day of November, I left Beverly with my command consisting of the 28th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Col. A. Moor; 10th West Virginia Infantry, Col. T. M. Harris; 2nd West Virginia Mounted Infantry, Lieut. Col. A. Scott; 3rd West Virginia Mounted Infantry, Lieut. Col. F. W. Thompson; 8th West Virginia Mounted Infantry, Col. J. H. Oley; 14th Pennsylvania Cavalry, Col. J. N. Schoonmaker; Gibson's Battalion and Batteries B & G, First West Virginia Light Artillery, Capt. J. V. Keeper and C. T. Ewing.

On the morning of the 6th we approached the enemy's position. The infantry and one corps of cavalry was sent to the right to ascend a range of hills, with orders to attack the enemy's left and rear, the attack of our infantry, 1,175 strong, was conducted skillfully by Col. Moor.

The 2nd, 3rd and 8th, dismounted, were moved in line obliquely to the right, until their right was joined to Moor's left. Col. Moor says when he arrived in front of the enemy's position, at 1:45 p. m. he formed a line and ordered Col. Harris to move up in double quick, who arrived in the nick of time. "See first formation map."

Lieut. Col. Scott's Report

Lieut. Col. Alex. Scott, 2nd West Virginia Mounted Infantry, says that at about 12 o'clock, having moved to the front, "I was ordered to dismount my command and fight on foot, and was ordered to take a position between the third and eighth. At this time we found the 3rd, 8th and 14th Pennsylvania Cavalry in line of battle, with Jackson's force. The 2nd, 3rd and 8th West Virginia Infantry, at once immediately in front of the breastworks."

I went into action with two hundred men; out of that number there were four killed, fourteen wounded, two mortally, one of whom has since died, seven severely and five slightly.

Report of Colonel John Oley

Eighth West Virginia Mounted Infantry. After taking my place with command on the morning of the 6th, I was ordered to clear

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companies of the 23rd Battalion. Later, Colonel Patton was ordered to detach these companies of the 22nd Virginia Infantry under Captain John K. Thompson. Colonel George S. Patton commanded Echols Brigade. The 22nd Virginia went into action with five hundred and fifty strong, losing one hundred and thirteen in killed, wounded and missing. The 23rd Virginia Battalion, three hundred and fifty strong, lost sixty-one in killed, wounded and missing.

Three companies of the 22nd under Captain Thompson, one hundred and twenty-five strong, lost nine killed, thirty wounded, twelve missing. Battle ended at 4 P. M.

Report of Maj. Wm. Blessing, 23rd Virginia Battalion

"When the fighting became very severe I was ordered to march with six companies to the support of Captain Marshall, who, with one hundred and twenty-five dismounted cavalry, was being forced back on the left.

"We were then forced back to a fence at the Bloody Angle. We were then reinforced by three companies of the 22nd Virginia Infantry, and one dismounted company of the 14th Virginia Cavalry.

Report of Col. Thompson

Colonel Thompson, 19th Virginia Cavalry, says that he sent one hundred cavalry under command of Captain Marshall, the command consisting of the 19th and 20th Virginia Cavalry just then, Major Blessing commanding Dennings Battery, consisting of three hundred men, he having deployed his men on the right of the line formed by Captain Marshall.

Report of Col. W. Wiley, 20th Virginia Cavalry

Says that about 2 P. M. we were attacked by the 2nd, 3rd and 4th West Virginia Mounted Infantry.

Report of Col. Milton J. Ferguson

Colonel Ferguson, 16th Virginia Cavalry, says that he reported to General Echols on the 5th of November, who was then on the march and arrived at the camp of Colonel Jackson at the eastern base of Droop Mountain, at 6 A. M. on the morning of the 6th. One squadron of the 14th Regiment was ordered to take position on the

old road of Locust Creek. The efficient men of six companies were dismounted, four companies placed on extreme left under command of Lieutenant Colonel Gibson and two companies in center. John D. Baxter, orderly sergeant of Company F, 10th West Virginia Infantry, was the first one to cross the rail fence at the 'bloody angle, and fell mortally wounded inside the enemy's lines.

Letters Bearing Upon the Battle

Brownsville, Fayette County,
Pennsylvania.

November 16, 1927.

DEAR SIR:

I saw your inquiry about Colonel Schoonmaker of Pittsburgh, in the *National Tribune* for the week of November 11. In reply I would inform you that he is dead. He died October 11th, eighty-six years of age. He died from the effects of an operation for appendicitis. I was with Colonel Schoonmaker in the Battle of Droop Mountain in the 14th Pennsylvania Cavalry, Company E.

GEORGE W. ARISON.

Chapel, W. Va., July 12, 1927.

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE:

I do not feel that I have health or the strength to meet you at the Droop Mountain Battlefield next week, much as I would love to. I hope you will be able to properly locate the field. If you could find some Confederate soldiers that were in the fight or native citizens who were acquainted might be helpful. As I remember the enemy were stationed in line of battle and we advanced on them. They soon left the patch, as I remember, during the hottest part of the fight. I was near the head of the Company where we joined Company A. Sergeant of Company A—I can't think of his name now—was killed near my side. Wheeler, Milt Rollyson and others were wounded near about the same time. When the enemy fled the company and regiment that were able followed in pursuit, I think, to Lewisburg. I confess that I was more concerned in what was going on than in noting the lay of the land. Please excuse the rambling. Hope you succeed.

Respectfully



GEORGE W BROWN
COMPANY A



CAPT WM GRAMM
COMPANY B
(PROMOTED TO MAJOR)



CAPT JACOB M RIFE
COMPANY C



CAPT. ALONZO M WILSON
COMPANY E



CAPT. EDGAR B. BLUNDON
COMPANY F
(PROMOTED TO MAJOR)

MAJOR
HEDGEMAN SLACK



FLETCHER C LANHAM
COMPANY H



CAPT. FRANCIS MATHERS
COMPANY I



CAPT JAMES S CASSADY
COMPANY G



CAPT. ELIAS POWELL
COMPANY K



CAPT
ISAAC M RULMEN
COMPANY L



CAPT
WM A WALTON
COMPANY M

7TH WEST VIRGINIA MOUNTED INFANTRY, LATER CHANGED TO 7TH WEST VIRGINIA CAVALRY

Coffeeville, Kansas, March 5, 1927.

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE:

Your letter just to hand having been forwarded to me from Chapel. My recollection of the Droop Mountain Battle is indefinite. I think both regiments marched up the same road until near the summit, the 28th in the lead, near the top filed to the left until both regiments were the same distance on the mountain, when we faced and marched toward the enemy and soon found them. Our formation was Companies A, F, D, and C, after which I am not sure, only Company B was the extreme left. I do not remember any troops on our right. I am only guessing from my recollection, the engagement began not later than 10 A. M. and ended by noon, or before. I do not remember that there was a skirmish line. I always thought our company struck the most formidable point in the enemy's line. I would love to go over the field but do not now feel that I will be able. Anything I can do will be cheerfully done. With best wishes.

HENRY BENDER.

NOTE: Captain Bender was mistaken as to the time that the battle ended.

Progress, W. Va., April 20, 1927.

DEAR MR. SUTTON:

Your letter received the 19th inst.

The battle of Droop Mountain begun about 10 o'clock A. M. and lasted about one hour, as well as I remember.

I belonged to Company F, 10th West Virginia Volunteer Infantry. My position battle ranks. General William Jackson's troops were in front, and I do not remember about the skirmish line. Ninety-two prisoners were captured, and do not know the number killed.

My health will not permit my attending a meeting of the committee.

Very truly yours,

I. G. ENGEL.

NOTE: He was mistaken as to the length of the engagement.

Cottageville, W. Va., May 9, 1927.

MY DEAR OLD FRIEND:

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far from you. I would have answered sooner but my health is very poor and I have been ill for several weeks. Now, as I am feeling better, I will try and write a few lines, giving you the information desired.

We camped, as you will remember, in front of Joe Beard's at the foot of Droop Mountain. The next morning at dawn we broke camp and started across the fields toward a low gap in the mountain, in hope of gaining the pike behind the Confederates, on the west side of the mountain. We were led by Austin Brown, Ike Brown and Mose Stilley, former residents of that locality. Before reaching the low gap on top of the mountain we ran into the Confederates in the woods. The battle now begins, it being about ten o'clock. The 10th West Virginia was in front, followed by the 28th Ohio. When we struck the Confederates we faced south. The battle raged along the top of the mountain southward.

I was wounded near the pike, 60 or 80 yards distance from it, at the close of the battle. The Confederate who shot me was already wounded and was resting on a log. He shot me as I was on my way to try and disarm him. The other boys were wounded between the low gap and the place where the pike crosses the mountain. The battle ceased sometime between twelve and one o'clock. The dead and wounded were carried away to Joe Beard's home, where they had erected a temporary hospital.

I am the only 10th West Virginia soldier left in Jackson County.

Are W. F. and Silas Morrison still living?

I was glad to hear that Captain Bender was still alive, and pleased to know that you are well and strong. I have always felt indebted to you for saving my life on Bolivar Heights. As regards my family, we are all well, my children are scattered, some being in Ohio and some in West Virginia, while my eldest son lives in Florida. I would like to see you once more and talk over our old war days. Come over to Cottageville with Eugene Slaughter sometime. Drive over from Sutton. My faith is clear and strong in Christ and for a home in Heaven.

Write me soon again. Best regards to you and family.

Your old comrade,

SOME PARTICIPANTS
IN THE BATTLE OF
DROOP MOUNTAIN



A. W. GREGG
CHAPLAIN
8TH W. VA. MTD. INFANTRY



HENRY H. WITHERS
MAJOR
10TH W. VA. INFANTRY



JOHN D. SUTTON
CO. F, 10TH W. VA. INFANTRY



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CO. F, 10TH W. VA.
PROMOTED TO
CAPTAIN
FOR GALLANT



JOHN D. BAXTER
ORDERLY SGT.
CO. F, 10TH W. VA. INF.
FELL LEADING
LAST CHARGE



G. M. BRIGGS



L. E. SWARD

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Brownsville, Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE:

I see by the *National Tribune* where you inquire for information of any old comrade who was in the Battle of Droop Mountain. I was in that battle.

I belonged to the 14th Pennsylvania Cavalry. The 14th Pennsylvania and the 2nd Virginia, 28th Ohio, Ewing's Battery of 1st Virginia Artillery, the 10th Virginia were sent around to the right to come in the rear of the fort. The brigade was dismounted at the foot of the mountain and we had orders to lay down and wait for orders.

I belonged to Company E, 14th Pennsylvania, and was wounded in my right arm, August 7, 1864, from which there is four inches of the bone removed. I am 81 years old, went to service when I was 16 years old. Was wounded at Moorefield, Virginia, also at Mt. Jackson, Virginia, in my finger.

GEORGE W. ARISON.

Soldiers Home Hospital, July 14, 1927.

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE:

I see in the *National Tribune* that you wished to get in communication with some survivor of the Battle of Droop Mountain. I was a member of the 10th West Virginia Regiment Infantry and took part in that battle. We were on the right wing of our forces and soon as we located the enemy in thick timber we charged and routed them without any casualties on our part, but with heavy loss to the enemy. Until we came to an open space where the timber had been cut down. There we received a galling fire, and lost a number of men, all from one volley. We then took shelter behind logs and timber, and that is where Sergeant Bird Curry lost his life. We then deployed to the right and routed the Johnnies, and that ended the battle.

Yours truly,

L. S. CLOTHIER,
Co. A, 10th West Virginia Infantry.

Glassaway, W. Va., April 27, 1927.

MY DEAR MR. SUTTON:

I will try and answer you at this late date, as I was away at the arrival of your letter, but will now try to do so.

In the morning of the 6th of November, as the day of the battle,

early in the morning, the Union army began to move on the Southern army in the levels near hills below, that is coming down from Marlinton. They moved down very early. Pop shooting began about 8 o'clock. Jackson moved his besieged back up on the crown of the Droop, and at about 10 o'clock, skirmishing began, very lively, beginning on the eastern face of the Droop, continuing around southward near the Locust Creek Mill and also north to the Black Mountain. General Echols arrived with his force from the direction of Lewisburg, between 8 and 9 o'clock, and Colonel Cochran near the same time, with the 14th Virginia Cavalry. General Echols with most of his men occupied the southern part of the mountain, but Derrieks Battalion was placed on the north of the left wing of W. L. Jackson, and the 14th Cavalry was placed on the main top of the main mountain near the turnpike in rear of the artillery. General Jackson's artillery was placed north of the turnpike. His line of battle continued from the turnpike northward around to Hills Creek, including the line of Derrieks skirmishers, as stated commenced at about 1 o'clock. Fighting fiercer and fiercer began in earnest and ended at or near 4 or 4:30 in the evening.

General Averell moved his men very near the top of Droop, the men were surprised, but I was not. I told the General but I was too late with the news. That is why I was there in the charge to call Colonel Derrick to fall back. I lost my horse by it, and was captured to boot, but got away before they got off the mountain. I belonged to Company B, 26th Virginia Cavalry, W. L. Jackson's Brigade. I was a courier and then knew nearly all the southern lines of battle.

The regiments in front of the center, east of Droop Mountain, that I knew was there was the 14th Pennsylvania, the 8th and 16th Cavalry, the 10th West Virginia and 28th Ohio. Those two regiments done the heavy part of the fighting. All lines that I come in contact with that day had skirmish lines. As to prisoners caught on either side, I don't remember. But there was forty captured when I was. I might be able to be present and attend a meeting of the Committee at some time this year, I can't just say.

You must be light on considering or criticising my pencil scratching, as my eyes are very bad.

Yours respectfully,

MILTON BUTCHER.

NOTES The bones of the horse have been discovered

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BAXTER FELL INSIDE
ENEMY'S LINES WHILE
LEADING HIS COMPANY,
ALSO SHOWING UPPER
END OF LAKE.

THE OVER WHICH 10TH W.VA.
28TH OHIO CROSSED, AND
WARD LINE OF BATTLE AT
4:15 P.M.

WHERE THE FEDERAL INFANTRY
STRUCK THE LEWISBURG PIKE
AT LOWER END OF LAKE.

FORMATION OF 10TH W.VA.
28TH OHIO AT EDGE OF FIELD
4:15 P.M.

Scenes from Droop Mountain Battlefield

Incidents

Your Commission has tried to so mark the position of the different units and by actual survey and measurements, that the markers which we have planted and the maps which we have prepared, may be a sure guide to the public, and the descendants of the soldiers that fought the battle, and point to the very spot where their fathers stood in the greatest battle ever fought on West Virginia soil.

Milton Butcher, who was Jackson's courier, carried the last order that his chief gave. The order was to Colonel Derrick, and read, "Fall back to pike, west of artillery." He delivered the dispatch but his horse was killed and he was captured, but made his escape.

Major Kester, who commanded the 46th Battalion, was in front of the 28th Ohio. He stopped their advance and they were giving back, whereupon Kester shouted to his men to stand firm for two minutes, saying they were whipped, but before the two minutes were up the 10th West Virginia coming up as Colonel Moor says in his report, "just in the nick of time," turned the tide of battle, and the Major found it more convenient to run than stand.

About this time, the Confederate line was reinforced by four companies of the 22nd Virginia Infantry, and one company of the 14th Virginia Cavalry dismounted. They poured a deadly fire from behind a rail fence into the ranks of the 10th West Virginia Infantry, and especially into Company F, which happened to be in an exposed position, and many of its members were being shot down, and many wounded and some of its members began to fall back. Their Captain was in prison and the First Lieutenant was on staff duty, and the company had but one commanding officer, Lieutenant Henry Bender. John D. Baxter, the orderly sergeant was in advance of the company. At this point our Chairman saw the condition of the company and went up to Baxter and requested him to get back and help line up the company. To this request Baxter never replied, but rushed up and kicked two or three rails off of the fence and they both jumped over the fence and Baxter received a mortal wound. W. F. Morrison, W. M. Barnett and John A. Blagg we believe were the next to cross the fence, and while crossing Blagg was badly wounded and Barnett had a leg shot off. Morrison escaped unharmed. The man who shot Barnett gave his life

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for the cause he espoused. George H. Morrison, Silas Carr and M. D. Shaver were the next of Company F to cross the rail fence. This occurred near the close of the battle. No braver man than J. D. Baxter ever espoused a cause or went to war. A few moments after this Major Bailey of the 22d Virginia was mortally wounded, while trying to rally his men to make another stand. He was an officer and soldier of courage and daring.

Two most pathetic scenes occurred at that battle: After the battle, a squad of soldiers was detailed to gather up the dead and wounded, and among the number thus detailed was Andrew J. Short of Company F, 10th West Virginia Infantry. They were working in the night, and Short discovered a dead soldier, and took hold of his body to remove him to the place where they were bringing the dead and wounded together. He felt a crooked finger on the dead soldier's hand, and the size and feel of the man convinced Short that it was his brother, John. He, therefore, called for some one to bring a light, saying that he had found his brother, and when he had the light he discovered for a certainty that the man was his brother. In relating the incident to Dr. W. P. Newlon, many years after the battle, he said that he took his brother by the hand and recognized some peculiarity by which he knew the lifeless body of his brother.

This is an incident so rare that nothing similar has ever, to our knowledge, been recorded in the annals of warfare.

After the battle, a young woman was observed going among the Confederates, looking intently into the face of each one. On being asked what she was looking for she said, "I am looking for George." She was the guest at the house of Colonel McNeill. She had recently married and was the wife of Captain George I. Davisson, of Lewis County. George had gone through the battle unharmed and was far from the scene of conflict when his wife was looking among the dead.

While every battle has its tragedies, its heart rending scenes, yet in most every battle there is some amusing incident. James Sisler was Colonel Jackson's brigadier quartermaster, and had charge of the trains and ordinance supplies. He recently related that at the close of the battle when they were on the retreat and in great confusion, he rode up to Colonel Jackson and asked him what he would do with the wagon train, and Jackson said "Damned if I know." Sisler said he then ordered the teamsters to turn their wagons, and retreat on the Lewisburg pike. He said in the confusion that the

team of General Echols' ordnance wagon, became frightened, and whirled around, breaking the tongue off the wagon. They then put some fence rails on the wagon to set it on fire, and he said for several years after the war people would come to gather up scattered lead over the fields.

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Isaac Moore, Private		C	Gunshot wound in left hip, ball retained
West Buchanan, Private		B	Gunshot wound in left hip, ball retained

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James Pickens, Private		A	Gunshot wound through left leg
Samuel Swicker, Private		A	Gunshot wound through left leg
George Walton, Private		A	Gunshot wound in knee joint, right side
Benj. Moore, Private		C	Gunshot wound in left hip, ball retained
Isaac Barkhammer, Private		C	Gunshot wound through left forearm
George Gibson, Corporal		C	Gunshot wound through right arm
Franklin Fisher, Private		D	Gunshot wound right thigh, middle third
John Queen, Private		D	Gunshot wound through left shoulder

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M. Hours, Private .. .	D	Gunshot wound through right arm above and below elbow
Mortimore Stalnaker, Sergt. ..	E	Gunshot wound through little finger
John Forrester, Private .. .	D	Gunshot wound right hand
James H. Dodd, Corporal.	E	Gunshot wound in left knee joint retained
Wm. M. Barnett, Private.....	F	Gunshot wound through right leg near knee joint
John Blagg, Private .. .	F	Gunshot wound right ankle, serious involving joint
Newlon Squires, Private.....	F	Gunshot wound top of right shoulder
E. B. Wheeler, Private.....	F	Gunshot wound through left shoulder
Jacob Riffle, Private.....	F	Gunshot wound through left arm, shattered humerus
Silas M. Morrison, Private....	F	Gunshot wound through both arms
Addison Wilson, Private.....	F	Gunshot wound through middle, ring and little fingers
George C. Gillispie, Private...F		Gunshot wound through left leg
Milton Rollyson, Private.....F		Gunshot wound through left forearm
John Rollyson, Private.....F		Gunshot wound through middle finger right hand
Coleman Wyant, Private.....G		Gunshot wound in abdomen, flesh wound
M. A. Jeffries, Corporal.....G		Gunshot wound in left thigh
Nimrod Weiss, Private.....H		Gunshot wound in right side, perforating bowels
James M. Randle, Private.....H		Gunshot wound in left thigh, lower third, flesh wound

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B. Curry, Sergeant.....	A	Gunshot in head
G. I. Shaw, Private.....	A	Gunshot mortally
Chas. Bryson, Private.....	D	Gunshot in head
M. Shriever, Private	E	Gunshot mortally
John D. Baxter, O. S.....	F	Gunshot in bowels
Coleman Channel, Captain....	H	Gunshot mortally
David Sanders, Private.....	H	Gunshot mortally
Wesley Pullens, Private.....	H	Gunshot mortally

Five killed and twenty-one wounded in 28th Ohio; their orderly sergeant, Company F, killed.

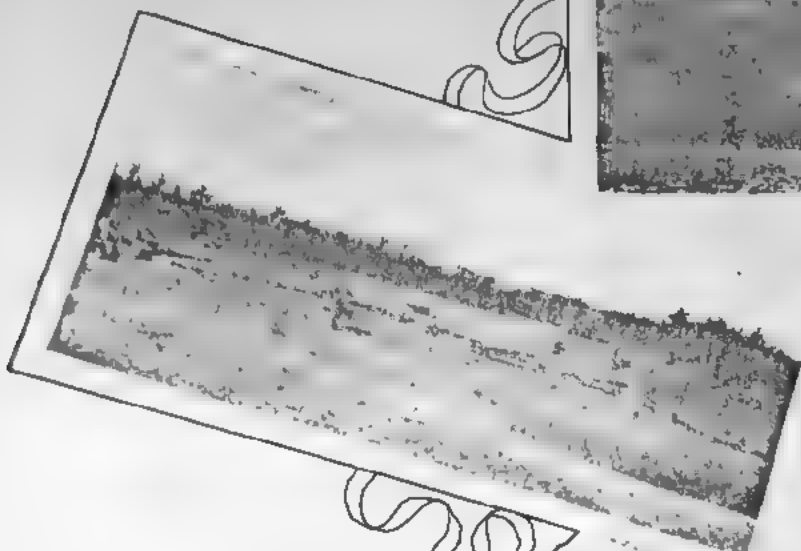
Since attention has been called to the Droop Mountain Battlefield great interest has been shown all over the State, and being situated as it is on one of the paved highways of the State, no greater attraction can be shown than the great scenic views of the mountains and rivers, and the rich valley, lying at its base, together with the battlefield, will make Droop Mountain one of the nation's leading attractions and will advertise West Virginia, as nothing else could do.

We wish to call your attention to the fact that the effort that is being put forth for the development and beautifying the battlefield has met the hearty response of every old soldier, living of either army, and has the universal approval of the citizens of the State.

LOCUST CREEK FROM
BREAST WORKS



MCCARTY FARM, SHOWING
GORE'S GROVE AND
STATE ROAD #24



MARKER ON OLD ROAD,
WHERE MAJOR BAILEY FELL
WHILE TRYING TO RALLY THE
22ND VIRGINIA INFANTRY
STATE ROAD # 24



EWING'S BATTERY, 320 POLES
EAST OF LURTY'S BATTERY, BY
GROVE OF TREES.



LOOKING FROM BREAST WORKS
TO BRIDGEMOOR SHOWING YANKEE
FLATS AND WHITE HOUSE TO LEFT
CENTRAL BATTERY S. HEARD BATTERIES
ON NIGHT BEFORE THE BATTLE



the West Virginia Historical Society at a recent meeting, held in Charleston, passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That we, the West Virginia Historical Society earnestly commend the Droop Mountain Battle Field Commission for their labors and zeal, in acquiring title to the land on which the battle was fought, and for the work that has been done and the effort that is being made for the improvement and beautifying one of the greatest natural scenic views of the State; and that funds should be appropriated to carry on the work that the Commission has begun.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Society are hereby extended to Governor Gore for the aid he has given the Battlefield Commission in its work, and

Resolved, further, That the memory of the brave men, of both armies, who fought the memorable battle of Droop Mountain, should be perpetuated for all time by monuments and parks, and the battle's history, and that the State should no longer neglect this historic battlefield in beautifying a spot, drenched with the blood of her own sons, around which cluster so many sacred memories of the dead."

Your Commission further reports that the land optioned is not complete, nor can it be made so, without acquiring the fifteen acres reserved. This your commission would recommend should be done, at a reasonable price, to be agreed upon by the parties in interest.

We wish to call special attention to the topography of the mountain. There is a straight ridge running north and south, through the greater part of the land optioned. This ridge is smooth and rises to the north and would make a fine field for airplanes to operate.

Another matter of special interest is an ancient lake that was discovered by the Chairman of your Commission. Its outline is plainly marked and shows it to have been a magnificent lake of water, but the countless ages have encroached upon its shores, until it is covered over with elder brush, moss and vines. Its waters flow out from the end of the lake, and with two small fills would, in all probability, be sufficient to impound the waters, to a depth of several feet, and a driveway around the lake would be about one mile in length, and we believe that the magnitude of the lake, covering about fifteen acres, would support millions of mountain trout.

Your Commission would recommend that the land optioned should be purchased and a deed obtained and the title to the fifteen

acres reserved should also be obtained and that an appropriation of \$35,000.00 may be made for the payment of the lands and to carry on the work of improvement as rapidly as possible, and we would further recommend that the marketable timber on the lands be sold and that the ridge, hereinbefore referred to, should be made accessible for flying machines; and also that the water of the lake should be impounded; and that suitable driveways and other attractive features be prepared as early as possible and that ultimately a great park may be established and maintained that would be equal at least to those in other states.

Your Commission would further recommend that your Excellency call the attention of the Governors of Pennsylvania and Ohio to the very valuable service rendered by the 14th Pennsylvania Cavalry, commanded by Colonel Schoonmaker, and the 28th Ohio Infantry, commanded by Colonel Moor, as these states might desire to perpetuate the memory of those brave men by a suitable monument or monuments placed on the battle lines where they fought.

Your Commission here expresses the belief that by the expenditure of a reasonable sum of money on the Droop Mountain Battlefield that it would become such an attractive resort and of a value to the State beyond estimation in dollars and cents, and that the same would produce a patriotic sentiment that would forever be blended and clustered around the field that holds so many sacred memories.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JNO. D. SUTTON,
N. F. KENDALL,
R. F. KIDD,
M. M. HARRISON,
A. L. HELMICK.

The Droop Mountain Battle

(A paper prepared by John D. Sutton)

After the country was freed from Indian invasions and Virginia became established, the people began to look more to their financial affairs and public interests. It was not long until those west of the Alleghenys became jealous of their eastern brethren. Tobacco was the money crop of the east, raised by slave labor, whilst those west of the mountains depended for many years upon furs and ginseng as their principal commodity in trade. And as it has been from the beginning of time taxation began to be agitated. The great body of the east escaped very largely from their equal share of the burden, but controlled very largely the political affairs of the state. The western portion of the state was powerless. Their only relief was in separation. The Civil War afforded them that opportunity; hence when the war came on, 32,000 of the young men of Western Virginia joined the Union forces. Though they were living in a slave state the great majority refused to answer the call of Virginia, and when the 20th of June, 1863, came, and West Virginia was admitted as a state into the union, the defenders of the new state were determined to sustain and defend the state at whatever cost of blood and treasure. The south was as fully determined to retain the territory of the state, and to prevent the rending of the state—a state for which we all have the most profound love and respect. But a sacrifice had to be made and the battle was joined—a battle of separation. The best blood of Virginia and West Virginia, men who had met on many bloody battlefields prior to the great Battle of Droop Mountain, soldiers inured to hardship and dangers, not soldiers of fortune, not soldiers for spoil, but men in whose breasts was a living principle, a principle implanted in their youth by their fathers. At a distance, it would look like common consent that the forces were to be assembled for a final test of strength. General Averell, with a very formidable force left Beverly on November 1st, to find the enemy and give battle wherever he might be found. General Wm. L. Jackson, commanding a brigade and several other units, battalions and companies, was joined by General Echols on the morning of the 6th in a splendid brigade of fighting men. General Averell encountered the Confederates in force near Mill Point on the morning of the 20th and drove them to the foot of Droop Mountain, and there

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General Skeen was the Lieutenant of the company. He appeared to be the purchasing agent of the County Court, as he paid the bills for the army and took receipts therefor. Under date of June 25, 1861, he rendered an itemized account under expenses incurred on march of "Pocahontas Rescues," amounting to \$68 68. It was allowed and \$25 paid on account. He notes a balance of \$43 68 due him, and I doubt if it was ever paid to him.

The big item of expense was \$37 42 for shoes—nineteen pairs bought on May 23, at Philippi, from J. P. Thompson. The other items include bacon, tallow, flour, meal, horse feed, gloves, hats, cotton cloth, calico, socks, shirts, blankets and whatnot.

On May 20, at J. W. Marshall's store he bought a pair of gloves for Captain Stofer at 25 cents and six combs for privates for \$1.00. Also 2 cravats, \$1; 2 flannel shirts, \$2; and 2 more pair gloves 50 cents.

On May 22, at Beverly, from A & B Crawford, two hats for \$3.25. From J. Burket, also at Beverly, pair of shoes at \$2 and 2 pairs socks 30 cents. On the same date from E. B. Bucher 12 1/2 pounds of tallow for \$1 25 and 52 1/2 pounds of bacon at 14c, \$8 35.

On May 24, Elder Douglas was paid \$4.33 for supper, lodging and breakfast for 13 persons.

On May 25, \$2 50 is paid Jno. B. Curran for Gilham tactics.

On May 17, Captain Stofer certifies that an account of Wm. H. Shanker for 8 yards of calico, 1 1/2 yards of breach cotton, 8 3/4 yards of cotton flannel and one made shirt, in all \$4 25, is correct and necessary for the use of said company, etc., etc.

Mr Skeen started off fine to keep a daily report on the progress of the "Pocahontas Rescues" but I guess he got too busy, for after three days, he gets to the middle of a page.

In speaking of this march, the old soldiers referred to it as the "Tin Cup Campaign." A cup was all the equipment furnished them. They provided their own arms.

The cavalry referred to was Captain Andrew McNeill's Company. On their return from Philippi, this company was disbanded and the men joined the 11th Virginia—Bath Squad. Captain Wm. L. McNeill's company, of J. W. Marshall's company, of the Pocahontas Cavalry, was disbanded and the men joined a number of additional companies, including 1. 25th Virginia Cavalry, J. H. McLaughlin.

This company was engaged in the following battles: Philippi, McDowell, Winchester, Cross Keys, Port Republic, Seven Days, Fight around Richmond, Slaughter Mountain, Second Manassas, Bristow Station, Sharpsburg, Fredericksburg, Second Winchester, Gettysburg, Mine Run, and the Wilderness. At the Wilderness, the 25th was captured; the Pocahontas Rescues and replacements had been reduced to seventeen men; of this seventeen, eleven lived through the war, six dying in prison.

The last member of Company I, to pass over that I know of was Captain J. W. Mathews, of Anthony's Creek, who died about twelve years ago.

Captain Stofer came from the Valley of Virginia. He was a lawyer, and he served as commonwealth's attorney for Pocahontas a number of terms. He had been a soldier in the Mexican war, and fought in a number of battles. My recollection is that Captain Stofer was not wounded in the war between the states until the battle of Cross Keys when he fell with five bullet holes in him. Every one of these wounds was considered mortal, but he recovered and survived the war some twenty years. As a child, I remember him as a friendly,

courteous gentleman, known in his wide circle of friends as the "Count."

General William Skeene served as clerk of both the county and circuit courts. He was succeeded just before the war by the late William Curry. He was a resident attorney at Hintersville for many years. He was Elected Attorney General of the State of Virginia.

I certainly do wish that General Skeene had written up the "Tin Cup Campaign" day by day, instead of quitting off on the record the evening of the third day.

You have got to hand it to the General that he was a considerable of a manager to march an army of fifty six men some ninety miles, and back on a campaign of several weeks, at a cost to Pocahontas County of only \$89.68.

After the war Confederate soldiers were deprived of the rights of citizenship by their inability to take the test oath. Before a man could vote, hold office, practice law, etc., he must swear that he had not aided or abetted the Confederacy. This did not phase Captain Stofer a bit. At the first opportunity he presented himself at the bar as a practicing attorney, took the oath and resumed his law work where he left off after four years service in the army of the Confederate States of America. The

grand jury indicted him for perjury, and he appealed to the Supreme Court, where the case dragged along for years. I presume that the case against the Captain just naturally went by the board when the new state went democratic in 1870, a new constitution adopted and the rights of the southern sympathizers restored. I will look that case up some day when I have the time. I have the impression that Count Stofer was defended by Spencer Dayton, a native of New England, father of the late Judge A. G. Dayton, of Philippi, United States District Judge. I do know that Mr Dayton successfully defended the numerous Confederate soldiers who were indicted for murder after the war, in this county.

My friend, the late Hugh P. McLaughlin, always took delight in relating his experiences as a boy on this "Tin Cup Campaign." Some where along the road to Philippi they came to a farm where there was a mowing machine with its tongue propped up, in a shed. Few of them had ever seen a mower, and word was passed down the ranks that it was a cannon. One boy took a good look at it, and remarked on the length of the ramrod!

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Mrs. Della F. Yeager

DROOP MT. STATE PARK

On top of picturesque Droop Mountain, about four miles from the little town of Hillsboro, in West Virginia, CCC Camp Price, Co. 2,598 have done some wonderful work on the State Park.

It was on this site that the greatest battle of the Civil War in West Virginia was fought about 72 years ago. It is said that the only brass cannon that this part of the confederate army had lies buried in a swamp within a stone's throw of the camp. Although 72 years have elapsed since the great battle, many signs and memoirs of it are left. While rambling through the woods one may find the old rock breastworks which were used by the Confederate and Union soldiers alike.

About three miles from the camp there is a large cave in which soldiers manufactured gun powder. It is now known as "Saltpetre Cave." Occasionally old grave markers are found.

Although there are signs posted along Route 219 showing the position of the great battlefield, it has not yet received much attention from tourists because of the seemingly impossibility of exploration, as not much can be seen from the highway. This is an ideal place for picnic's, as the CCC boys have built chimneys for camp cooking, and seats and tables, etc. and have made the site of the battle one of the better known parks in West Virginia. Roads and trails have been built that lead to views that are entrancing.

Visitors are always welcome.

BATTLE OF BARTOW - October 3, 1861

There were three battles known as the battles of the Greenbrier Ford, which took place at Travelers Repose, now known as Bartow. One was October 3, 1861, one Oct. 31, 1861, the other Dec. 12, 1861. Since the first of these battles, the one of October 3, was the biggest one, that is the one we shall consider in this report.

The first year of the war saw five battles in the Upper Tract, as upper Pocahontas was usually called at that time. The reason being that the Staunton and Parkersburg Turnpike crossed the Greenbrier Valley at this place and it was one of the most important thoroughfares in the nation at the outbreak of the Civil War. It was well served by stage coach lines and it formed a favorite route for persons from the middle west who wished to go to Washington and other eastern points.

The political significance of Western Virginia seceding from Virginia made the passage of the Alleghenies the most important spots to the military operations on both sides.

The Federal army had already occupied Tygarts Valley in Randolph, and the Confederates hurried armies into the Greenbrier Valley in Pocahontas. Their foremost post was at Travelers Repose. The camp was called Camp Bartow in honor of Col Francis S. Bartow of the 7th Georgia Regiment who was killed in the battle of Bull Run in July 1861. The camp was commanded by Gen. H. R. Jackson of Georgia, who no doubt named it in honor of his friend.

At the building of a small town on this old battle field, the postoffice known as Travelers Repose was changed to Bartow.

The army was camped at White's Top of Shavers Fork at an elevation of 4,100 feet. 20 miles east of them on the top of the main Allegheny was another camp at an elevation of about 4,100 feet. The new soldiers were sent to these high tops. They lay there for months in the snow. They had but one outfit. That was when the outfit had been lost at night and had gotten lost.

Martha S. Dilley
Franklin Co.
Chapter 4, Section 4b-3
Battle of Bartow

Camp Bartow was at the foot of the mountains. All three on the Staunton & Parkersburg Turnpike. The Yeagers, Arbogasts, Slavens, Burners and Houchins who owned this section of the county were all secessionists. In fact there was hardly a Union man in the whole of Greenbank District. No where in the mountains were the Confederate States more solidly supported.

Gen. Reynolds at Whites Top had on Sept. 13, protected the left flank of the army at Elkwater, and he had kept Loring from passing so he decided to do some passing himself. He decided that he would march an army over and surround and subdue Staunton. He ordered his men to prepare four days rations each, and on the morning of Oct. 3, 1861 at one o'clock A. M. he put his forces in motion and they marched down the mountain to Durbin. He had about 5,000 troops and 6 batteries of big guns. His forces were: Howes' Battery, Loomis' Battery, Michigan Volunteer Battery, Daums' Battery, Virginia Volunteer Artillery.

24th, 25th, and 32 Ohio Regiments 7th, 9th, 13th, 14th, 15th, and 17th Indiana Reg. of Infantry. Robinsons Ohio Cavalry. Greenfield Pennsylvania Cavalry, Brackman's Indiana Cavalry.

Opposed to them were the Third Arkansas, First Georgia, Twelfth Georgia, Twenty-third Virginia, Rices Battery, Schumakers Battery, and the 31st Virginian of which Captain J. C. Arbogasts Greenbank Company was made up of local people (Hope to have a complete list of this Co. soon)

The Federals got to Durbin about sun up and saw an advance guard under Col. Lewis Johnson in front of them in or above the narrows which separates Frank from Durbin. They set up a cannon or two and fired at them. Johnson fell back and the Federals marched up the road and through the fields. Johnson had his horse shot and stayed in this engagement. He held the column up for an hour and it was not until he saw a flanking movement started to his right that he returned to the main works at Camp Bartow.

The Federal army placed two batteries in front of the Confederate breastworks. These batteries were 6 guns in the meadow about half way from the Burner house to the East Fork and 2 guns on the other side of the turnpike. The Confederate batteries were on a low hill just behind Travelers Repose, where there are embankments still plainly to be seen.

In addition Lieutenant Wooding placed a gun on the Turnpike directly in front of Travelers Repose, from which he fired 90 rounds that day point-blank at the enemy across the river bottom. The big guns kept up a steady firing from seven in the morning until 2:30 in the afternoon. A rifle cannon the Confederates expected to do great damage was a disappointment for after the first few rounds the ball stuck and could not be dislodged until Sergt. Timothy H. Stamps could get there from Monterey. There was more powder burned in the big guns that day than at any other battle in the mountains. It was a great day for noise.

But all this cannon firing was meant to cover up infantry work. It will be remembered that the turnpike is an east and west road and that there is a north and south road paralleling the river. This Huntersville road comes to the turnpike at Travelers Repose.

Gen. Reynolds proceeded to send infantry against both ends of the Confederate breastworks. It looks like one could hardly call it a flanking movement for these detachments did not attempt to swing in wide circles. It was the plan to let the artillery keep everything hot along the turnpike, while his forces were to attack both ends of the Confederate position.

Johnson evidently expected a wide flung encirclement for he had sent Johnson up the mountain more than a mile, and he was clear above the place that the Federals attempted to reach.

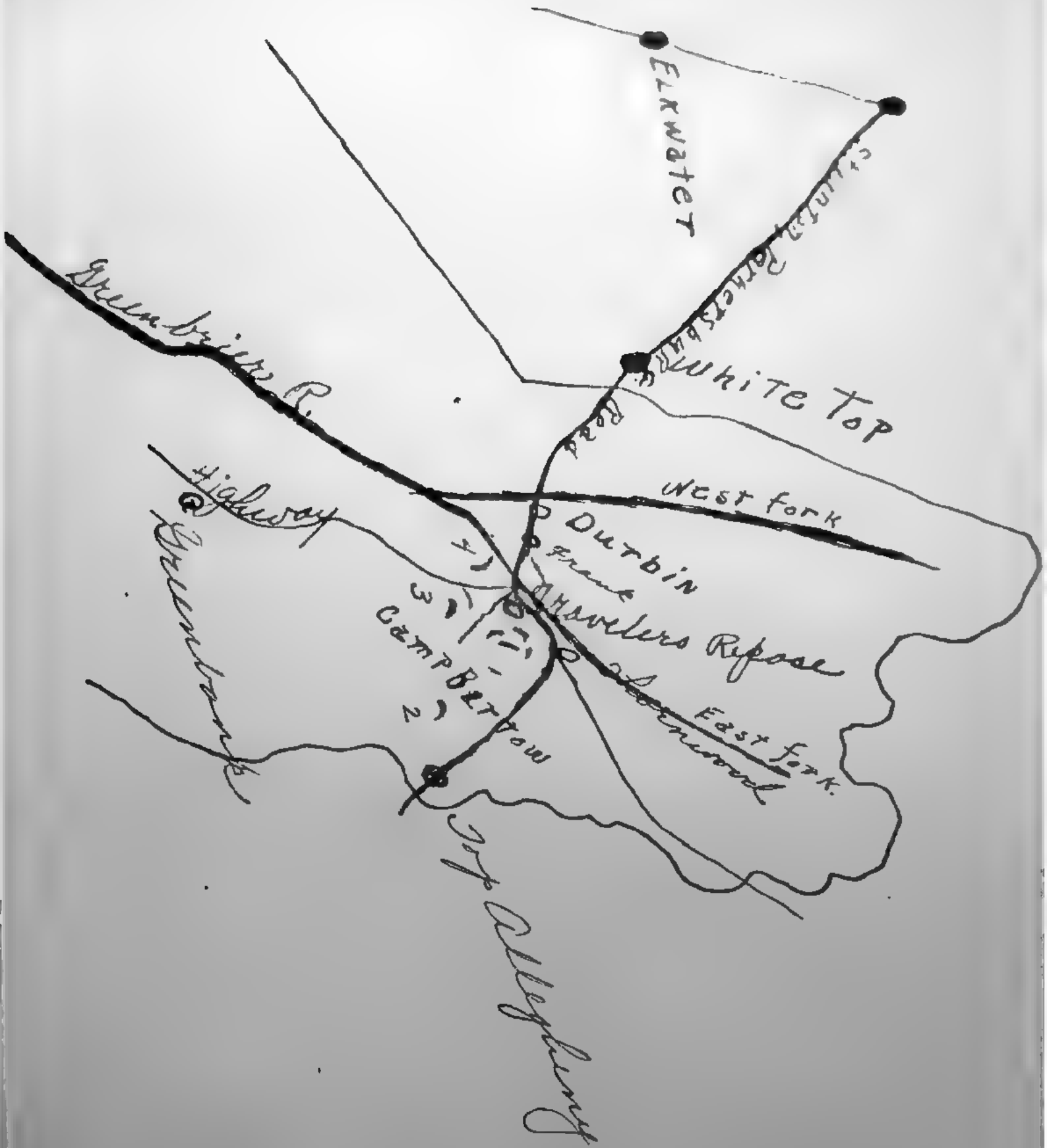
Johnson directed the defense of his left (down the river) to Colonel Rust and his men. It will be remembered that the Federals had a right large order in that they had to cross wide open fields, ford the river and climb a steep hill to reach the mountain.

They marched down the road toward Greenbank until he had drawn away from the river and was on an elevation overlooking the river. He then marched by the end of the breastworks and took a station between the river and the breastworks, but before he could form his men, the Federal batteries commenced a rapid fire, and a regiment of infantry left the road at the Burner homestead and marched across the meadow; crossed the river and climbed the hill. The Arkansas troops, however, met them at the crest of the hill and the regiment of infantry went back and marched up the hill on the other side of the road. This movement of the Federal troops moving first to the right, then to the left, puzzled the Arkansas commander. There seemed to be a discussion as to what the orders were. I was warned afterwards that there had been a misunderstanding of orders.

Col. Richardson saying, "My regiment is to attack on my right." "Not at all", said Col. Wilder, "You are to attack the enemys right". This confusion of orders marked the turning point of the battle. Now both regiments were in the same place, and it therefore permitted the whole power of the Confederate artillery to be directed to one place. The federals could not face the fire and retreated in great confusion. Both regiments went into the woods at the north of the turnpike and added to the confusion already in that quarter.

The Confederates called this one of the greatest victories of that year. The Federals called it a reconnaissance in force.

There were killed and wounded, Federals 43, Confederates 52, including 13 missing. The Federals lost one stand of colors.



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me these participations, which
are still widely used.

BATTLE OF CLOVER LICK

At the West Union School house at the foot of the mountain, on the road that leads to the Williams River country in 1864, lived Henry Duncan, in a double log house on the headwaters of Stony Creek. William Beverage lived about a quarter of a mile farther up the creek. Part of the passway between Duncan and Beverages was fenced on both sides as a lane. It was this lane that gave the battle its name.

The state was formed in 1863 and in 1864 a regiment of state guards was formed at Buchannon, and of this regiment Pocahontas furnished one company, captained at times by Capt. Samuel Young a minister, and later by Capt. Isaac Walton Allen.

This regiment had its headquarters at Beverley. These state guards were gallant soldiers and were exposed to all the perils and privations of the Civil War. However state guards in other states were placed, those in West Virginia were real soldiers and were the only state guards in the Union eligible for pension.

In 1864 the preservation of the union depended upon the reelection of Lincoln. A peace party had set about to defeat Lincoln, therefore, every vote counted. The county of Pocahontas was controlled by the Confederates, yet the little town of Edray was loyal to the Federal states. Therefore, it was determined by the West Virginia authorities to hold an election for president in the county. Arrangements were made to hold the election and a company was detailed to bring that election off.

The company marched on foot from Beverley to Edray a distance of 54 miles.

They arrived at Edray a few days before the election.

At Edray, the company camped near the headwaters of Elk River and

some of the men were absent on leave of absence to visit

his wife who was visiting at William Gibson's. Here he was captured by a squad belonging Captain J. C. Gays Company of Confederate scouts and was taken captive to their headquarters at the farm of Samuel Gay. (Just above where the Fair ground now is). That night in an attempt to escape Neff was shot and killed. Word of his death reached the company at Edray. Captain Young was in command, Captain Walton Allen was there, too. Every member of the company was a Pocahontas Man. It had been recognized as very dangerous to send one company into Confederate Pocahontas and they were already apprehensive of being in the very heart of this county. The death of Neff impressed them further with the dangers of their position. By this time there was a terrible cloud hanging over Edray district, and a pitch battle was imminent to be fought between men who had grown up together, but who had been schooled for four intensive year in civil war. However, the polls were opened under the oak standing near the home of William Sharp.

The soldiers all voted irrespective of age, and many of the citizens of the vicinity voted also. The vote was solid for Lincoln.

Aaron Moore was chosen as messenger to take the votes into the northwestern part of the state where the existence of the government of West Virginia was recognized. The company of state guards prepared to act as his guard. It was decided best not to return to Beverly by way of the pike (now Seneca Trail). The return was to be made by crossing the river at Marlins Bottom, by Huntersville, and the Hill country, by Dunmore and Greenbank to the Staunton and Parkersburg Turnpike at Travelers Rest, thence across Cheat Mountain. The company reached Marlins Bottom but when they came in sight of the bridge they saw a Confederate soldier at the end of the bridge on horseback. When the horseman saw the Union soldiers he turned and galloped away. This

was taken to mean that he was a picket on duty and had gone to give the alarm that the northern soldiers were coming. Realizing they were a small company and in a hostile country, and that they might be killed by ambush any minute, they decided to take to the mountains. It turned out afterwards that the soldier at the bridge was not a sentinel, but a deserter who was making his getaway to Buchannon.

The little army turned up Price Run and from there climbed Bucks Mountain. When they had reached the top of the mountain they ate a cold lunch and lay down to sleep without starting a fire. At daybreak they marched to the head of Dry Run and called at the home of Peter Beverage, a Union man and obtained food. Then they went to the home of William Beverage, a Confederate sympathiser. These two Beverages were brothers. At William Beverages they took a hive of honey and prepared for the noon day meal.

In the meantime, the Confederates were laying a plan to capture these Union soldiers. Captain J. C. Gay, holding a commission as captain under the confederacy, with authority to guard the border, summoned his forces and all Confederate soldiers home on furlough to his home. His command at Duncans Lane was made up of about half scouts and half regular soldiers home on furlough.

Godfrey and Adam Geiger of Stony Bottom were among the furlough soldiers to be called. They arrived at Gay's late the evening of the election. Next morning before daylight they were on the trail of the union soldiers. They arrived at William Beverages just in time to see the Union men in the act of taking the honey. The order to fire was given, and a volley let off. The result of which was a scattering of blue coats for shelter. Some went to the hillsides on either side of the hollow, some went down Duncans Lane and sheltered behind, Duncans house, and some to the knoll where the West Union school house now stands, and in this way gave battle.

Aaron Moore with the election returns ran up the hillside, and Godfrey Geiger says he would have been killed had he not been in citizens clothes, the rule being to shoot no one not in uniform.

At or about the first fire, Bernard Sharp, a son of William Sharp, fell mortally wounded. He was shot through both hips. Godfrey Geiger says he was carrying an army gun called a musketoon, which took paper cartridges. He took aim at Capt. Young who was hiding in a passage between the two parts of the Duncan house. Young afterwards said that the bullet cut away the clothes across his chest. The two little armies continued to fire at each other for about one and one half hours, neither side making a charge.

The Union soldiers gradually withdrew and made their way in little squads to Beverly taking with them the election returns.

When the Confederates found the Union had left the place, they came down Duncans Lane, carried Bernard Sharp to Henry Duncan's house. They sent for a doctor and did what they could for him but he died in a few hours. Other Union soldiers seriously wounded, were John Armstrong, Moffett Walton, John E. Adkinson, William Kennison, James Rodgers, and Moffett Sharp who was shot in the mouth. McClure under the shadow of Red Knob and concealed. They were taken care of by the McClure family. There was no one hit on the Confederate side.

After the battle the Confederates took a bee hive from Henry Duncans and carried it to William Beverages to replace the one taken by the Union men. There seems to have been no cause other than Duncan was for the Union and Beverage for the Confederacy.

These are a part of the names of Pocahontas men who took part in the battle of Duncans Lane.

Union -

Captain Samuel Young
Walton Allen
1st Lt. William Kennison

John Armstrong
 Privates - William Hannah
 William Jay
 George Cochran
 Clark Dilley
 Jeremiah Dilley
 Sheldon Hannah
 Clark Kellison
 Newton Wanless
 Moffett Wanless
 James L. Rodgers
 Aaron Moore
 J. B. Moore
 Henry Pugh
 Aaron Kee
 Columbus Silva

Henry Sharp
 Bernard Sharp
 John B. Adkinson
 George McKeever
 Moffett Rodgers
 Hanson Moore
 Moffett Sharp

Confederates -

Captain - J. C. Gay
 Privates- James Shannon
 Jacob Simmons
 Micheal Willerton
 Godfrey Geiger
 Adam Geiger
 Azri White
 Ban White
 Charles Moore
 Mathias Moore
 James McLaughlin
 George McLaughlin
 Charles Jackson
 Jacob Beverage
 Harvey Lindsey
 George Simmons
 Hiram Dorman

No doubt this list is far from complete.

As a battle it does not rank high in the national issue to be decided other than it has a direct bearing on the election of Lincoln a second time.

I The Chronology of Events

1. Monday, November 4, 1864
 State Troops arrived at Edray, Neff killed.
2. Tuesday November 5, 1864
 Election held at Edray
3. Wednesday, November 6, 1864
 Battle Duncan's Lane